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French Press Say Peace Offensive Imminent

PLAN DOMINATED BY DIPLOMATIC INTRIGUES

PARIS, Mar. 18 (Reuter)—Press commentators consider that, though the announcement of the Hitler-Mussolini meeting came as a surprise, it had been contemplated by Berlin and Rome for some time. Pertinax, in L'Ordre, says: "A peace offensive is imminent. M. Ducloux, behind him the Fuehrer, flatter themselves that they can drag President Roosevelt into it through the intermediary of Mr. Sumner Welles."

CAREFULLY DRAWN

Le Jour says that M. Ducloux and the Fuehrer will work in accordance with a plan carefully drawn up and probably dominated by diplomatic intrigues conducted in the last few days by the Wilhelmstrasse in south-eastern Europe. Excelsior writes it was not wholly excluded that Hitler contemplates closer German-Italian co-operation to bar the road to Bolshevism in the Balkans and thus hoping to gain the good graces of Mr. Roosevelt and the Pope, whose mediation he hopes for in Paris and London in favour of a peace of compromise.

COAL MINERS FOREGO PART OF HOLIDAYS

LONDON, Mar. 18 (BWS)—A meeting of ten thousand coal miners employed in the Bolsover colliery, Nottinghamshire, unanimously agreed during the week to forego a large part of their holidays in order to increase British production of coal.

The men agreed to reducing their Easter holiday by one half, to forgo part of the summer holiday of one week and to work on alternate Saturdays.

In return, the colliery company guarantees no lowering of basic wage rates during the war and the men will receive the same amount from the summer holiday savings fund as if they had taken the full holiday.

GOOD FRIDAY

The offices of the Hongkong Daily Press will be closed on Good Friday but will reopen as usual on Saturday. There will be no issue of the paper on Saturday. The next issue will appear on Monday morning as usual. Advertisers are kindly requested to send in their copy as early as possible tomorrow. Contributors, especially those dealing with Church services and sports programmes, likewise are earnestly asked to co-operate by sending in their "copy" early.

AND MUSSOLINI MEET: PREPARE FOR DIPLOMATIC BLITZKREIG: RETURN IN ARMoured TRAINS



SIGNOR MUSSOLINI

Long Conversation At Brenner Pass

ROME, MAR. 18 (REUTER)—AFTER TWO-AND-A-HALF HOURS' TALK AT BRENNER PASS, HERR HITLER AND SIGNOR MUSSOLINI EACH RETURNED TO THEIR OWN CAPITAL IN ARMoured TRAINS.

An official communique issued after the conversation says that Hitler and Mussolini had cordial conversation lasting two hours.

Her von Ribbentrop and Count Ciano, German and Italian Foreign Ministers, respectively, were present.

A BERLIN MESSAGE SAYS THAT HITLER ARRIVED AT THE BRENNER PASS WITH VON RIBBENTROP AT 10 P.M. AND, AFTER A SALUTE BY A GUARD OF HONOUR, HITLER WENT TO MUSSOLINI'S TRAIN WHERE IL DUCE AND CIANO GREETED HIM CORDIALLY.

The Brenner frontier station, where the meeting took place, was isolated by a cordon of troops.

Alpine troops were drawn up on a platform and the station was decorated with German and Italian flags.

Snow was still falling heavily.

FIFTH MEETING

It is pointed out in Berlin that this is the fifth meeting between Hitler and Mussolini and it is declared "the meeting was prepared on both sides with rapidity and absolute discretion which has always marked Fascist and National Socialist collaboration."

It is added that both Hitler and Mussolini were accompanied by small groups of collaborators who always accompany them on their journeys.

71 YEARS



MR. CHAMBERLAIN

Just As Active As When He Took Office

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter)—Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, is 71 today and his birthday will probably be marked by a 15-hour working day.

It was formerly Mr. Chamberlain's custom to spend some part of the day in his native Birmingham but today he will probably be unable to depart from strict daily routine which is a heavy burden has placed upon him.

Since he became Prime Minister on May 28, 1937, his energy has been that of a man many years younger and today, Mr. Chamberlain is just as active as when he took office.

INTENSE INTEREST IN SCANDINAVIA

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 18 (Reuter)—The meeting of Signor Mussolini and Herr Hitler is being followed with intense interest in Scandinavia.

The Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm paper, Tidningene, expresses the belief that the time has come for Mussolini's intervention in the European war and adds that Hitler and Mussolini are determined to put the following programme into force:

ONE, the establishment of a complete agreement regarding the terms of peace which will be communicated to Mr. Sumner Welles for transmission to President Roosevelt;

TWO, extension of the war to the Mediterranean and the Near East to be prevented at all costs;

THREE, Germany and Italy to enter a partnership in south-east Europe which is to become the great source of food supplies for the two countries;

FOUR, a common front of "Have-Not" to be formed against "plutocratic powers"; and

FIVE, members of the front are to agree on the fundamental lines for a new stabilised Europe.

The correspondent adds that, if the threat of the combined military powers—Germany and Italy—does not compel the Allies to make peace, Germany will try to extend her power to the Balkans, where the Allies cannot immediately oppose her with a view to strengthening her position for the coming struggle.

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WORST FLOOD IN 60 YEARS

HINGTSEI, SHENSI, Mar. 18 (Central)—The flood disaster in North Shensi in the vicinity of the Yenmen Pass was described as the worst in sixty years and to relieve the large numbers of destitute victims the Central authorities have sent special delegates with funds to the afflicted areas.

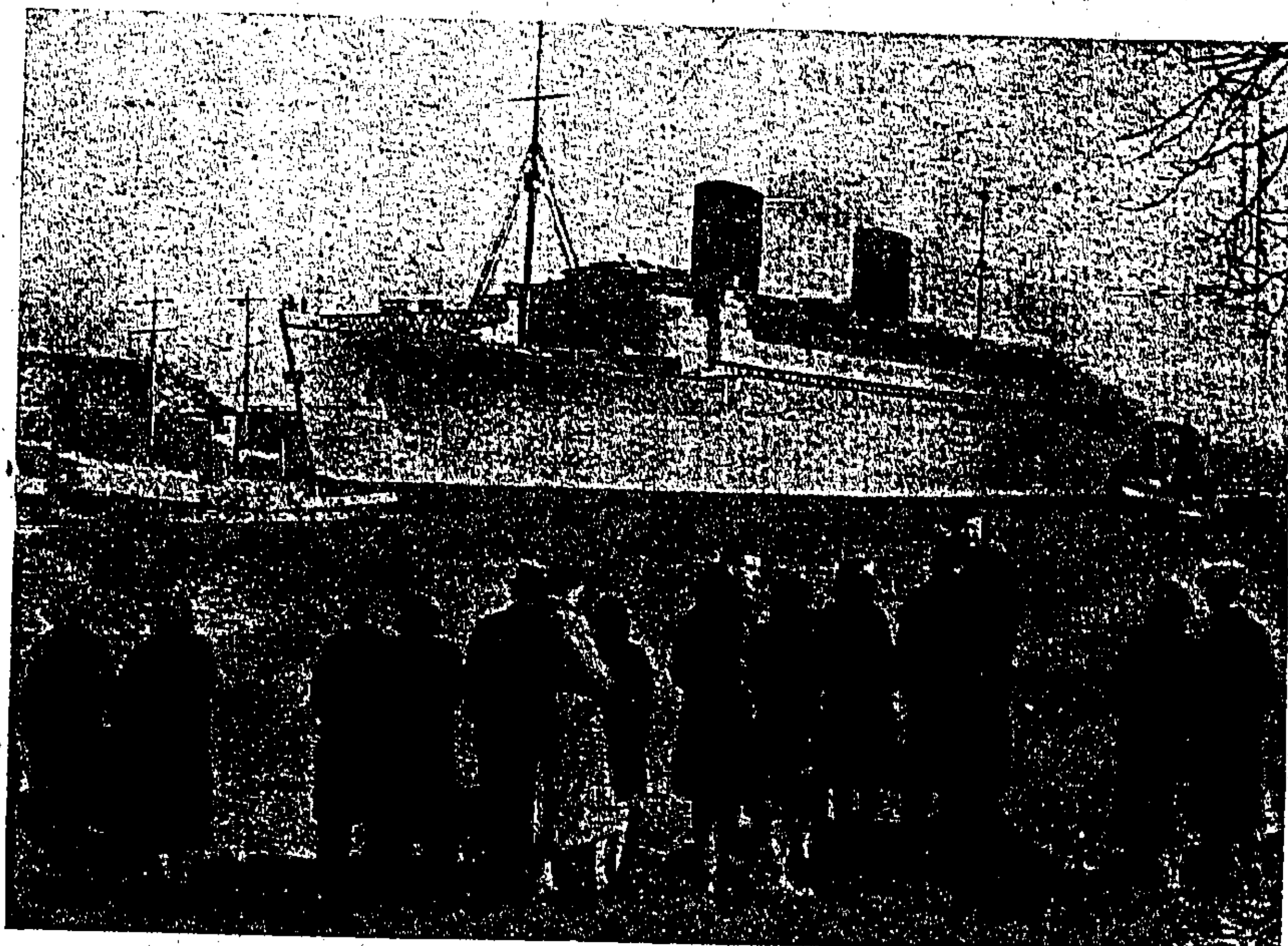
Mr. Wang Chieh, special representative of the National Relief Commission, and a group of other members have arrived in Hingtsei on their way to Shensi to provide urgent relief.

DALADIER SEES PRESIDENT

PARIS, Mar. 18 (Reuter)—M. Daladier called on the President, M. Lebrun this morning and had an hour's talk with the President. Rumours of pending changes in the French Cabinet persist.

The King and Queen returned to Buckingham Palace yesterday morning from Windsor where they spent the week-end. (BWS).

How The Queen Elizabeth Made Her Secret Voyage



WATCHERS from the bank had this fine view of the Queen Elizabeth as she left Clydebank on her first voyage, the secret of which was out on March 7.

Compare her, the largest and longest vessel ever built, with her sister ship the Queen Mary. She is 1,031 feet long—more than three times the length of a football field. Even the promenade deck is twice the length of a football field.

Transferred to London, the new ship is practically the same length as the Hungerford or Waterloo Bridges.

Her breadth is nearly twice the length of a cricket pitch.

She has a gross tonnage of 85,000, compared with the Queen Mary's 81,235, and has fourteen decks, against the Queen Mary's twelve.

Chief external difference is that the new ship has two funnels instead of three. The bow is shaped with a greater rake to accommodate a third anchor.

ANOTHER SERIES OF NIGHT MINE EXPLOSIONS AT CHEUNG CHAU IS.

TWO ENORMOUS DEAD WHALES ON BEACH

Visitors to Cheung Chau Island in the past week were two enormous whales, one reputed to be 45 feet long. Their carcasses were found on the beach on Sunday. Both animals were dead, and it is believed, were attracted to the waters about Cheung Chau and Lamma Island by the number of dead fish in these waters.

Cause of death is unknown, but it is believed meals of dead fish had something to do with the whales' demise.

A story that deserves to be repeated, if only as an insight on human credulity, owes its origins to the first sight of these animals. One lady would have it the animals were disguised submarines of an unfriendly power lurking about to cut the mines off their moorings and otherwise spy about in the vicinity!

Cheung Chau Island suffered another series of mine explosions on Sunday night, one only, the more violent of three in a period of about 40 minutes, being, it is believed, on the shores of the Island itself.

THE TWO OTHER EXPLOSIONS, ONE AT ABOUT 11 O'CLOCK, THOUGHT TO HAVE EXPLODED IN THE VICINITY OF LAMMA ISLAND, AND ANOTHER, PRECEDING THE EXPLOSION ON THE SHORE OF CHEUNG CHAU BY A FEW MINUTES, ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE OCCURRED ON A NEIGHBOURING ISLAND.

None of the explosions were as violent as that of the night of March 3, but a good number of people were awakened, even in Kowloon, and all Cheung Chau was roused once more from its sleep.

A curious fact, a Cheung Chau resident told the Hongkong Daily Press yesterday, is that these explosions generally seem to occur at night when, if at all, they are least welcome. Also, it seemed that the explosions were somewhat simultaneous, though taking place at a distance from one another.

Residents, both on Cheung Chau and in Hongkong, have produced maps and pencils and are taking an interest in tides and winds.



Picture shows fragment from a recent mine explosion at Cheung Chau Island.

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PENNSYLVANIA NEGRO SETS NEW WORLD RECORD FOR 880 YARDS RUN

"Long John" Woodruff's Rise To Athletic Fame BY "MIDAV"

John Youle Woodruff, the lanky Pennsylvania negro who set a new world record for the 880 yards run on the board track of the Dartmouth Stadium at Hanover, New Hampshire, last Friday, added yet another laurel to his collection.

Famed for his nine-foot stride, "Long John" Woodruff was an unknown when he stepped into the Olympic arena in 1936.

ALL-STAR COMPANY

A freshman student at the University of Pittsburgh, Woodruff ran in the Olympic try-outs at Randall Island Stadium, New York, in July, 1936, and was not highly regarded as an entrant in the all-star company of such great half-milers of the day as Ben Eastman, "Chuck" Hornbostel, Charlie Beetham and Harry Williamson.

As a Collegeville, Pa. schoolboy, John Woodruff had run a mile in 4 mins. 28.3 secs. As a Pittsburgh freshman, Woodruff had improved on this figure. At Randall Island, "Long John" surprised immensely.

BOMPED HOME

Showing his heels to as smart a field as could be assembled from the pick of America's half-milers, Woodruff romped home the winner in a heat of the 800 metres, clocked in 1:49.9, a scant tenth of a second behind the Olympic record. In the final, in a race in which the great Ben Eastman could manage only sixth place,

Woodruff qualified along with Williamson and Hornbostel. At Berlin, the Pennsylvania negro boy was highly regarded for the reputation of Lantz, of Italy, Kucharski, of Poland, and Edwards, of Canada.

Many thought that "Long John" would have done as well to have let a staid warrior like Eastman or Beetham qualify in his place. On the starting line, the radio announcers toyed more the name of "Chuck" Hornbostel as America's hope in the event.

ANOTHER SURPRISE

Woodruff surprised again. On a wet track, badly boxed-in in a field of nine starters, "Long John" poured on the pace in the home stretch to hit the tape first, though in the rather poor time of 1:52.8.

In 1937, Woodruff started on his collegiate track career, the most brilliant in recent years. In three successive years of competition, 1937-39, he won six inter-collegiate championships, doubling in the 440 and 880 yards. Over the shorter distance, he was clocked, three times running, in 47 seconds, flat.

Woodruff's other achievements are his first in the 800 metres in the American A.A.U. Championship in 1937 in 1 min. 50 secs., and his brilliant race with Elroy Robinson, at the Pan-American Games at Dallas, Texas, the same year. In this latter race, Woodruff was clocked in 1:47.8 for a new world record that was subsequently disallowed, when it was discovered that the track measured five feet short.

BOARD TRACK

Dartmouth Stadium, the scene of Woodruff's world record half-mile run in 1 min. 47.7 secs. last week, is famed for the speed of its board track. It was at Dartmouth that Cunningham set his world record for the one mile run of 4 mins. 04.4 secs., and it was at Dartmouth also that John Borican set the indoor half-mile record, now bettered by Woodruff, of 1:49.8 last year.

Woodruff's record is all the more remarkable for the fact that he took four years to learn how to run on boards. Defeated in four starts earlier in the season, "Long John" scored for the first time indoors when he won the half mile at the Millrose Games at Madison Square Garden, N.Y., on Feb. 3 this year.

JUMPED INTO LEAD

Usually a poor starter, "Long John" jumped into the lead at the run and kept it over the 54 lap course to finish in 1:52.8, shattering, by a full second, a Millrose record that stood for nine years.

A week later, at the Boston A. A. Games, Woodruff lost by two yards to John Borican, in the Lapham 1,000 Yards event, to see his New Jersey negro rival triumph in record time. Since then, it seems, Woodruff has crept up to Borican's best, and has improved on his greatest rival's figures.

H.K. GOLF CLUB MIXED FOURSOMES

The following is the result of the second round of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club mixed foursomes competition which was played at Fanling:—

Lieut. Comdr. and Mr. Linton beat Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Stewart, one up.
Mr. and Mrs. L.A.D. Duncan beat J. W. Mayhew and Mrs. Smalley, two up.
Major and Mrs. Williams beat Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Stark, one up.
Mr. and Mrs. E. J. R. Mitchell beat L. Jackson and Mrs. Rowell, 3 up and 1.

RESTRICTED OLYMPIC GAMES PROGRAMME

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 18 (Havas)—It is learned, according to a report from Helsinki, that the Finnish Olympic Committee favours the organisation of the Olympic Games on a restricted programme in Helsinki this summer, hoping in the participation of fifteen nations, including Italy, Japan, and the United States.

The decision depends on the opinion of the International Olympic Committee, which will meet in May.

SPORTS MEETINGS POSTPONED

Queen's College And Central British Sch.

Until the weather is more settled no date has been fixed for the 24th annual sports meeting of Queen's College which was postponed from Saturday owing to the rain.

The annual physical training display of the Central British School which was postponed from Friday until this afternoon has again been put off and the date will be announced in due course.

The C.B.S. annual sports meeting, which was also postponed on Saturday, will take place early next month.

WEAK FINISHING BY TOTTENHAM FORWARDS

Astley Helps Orient To Win

'Spurs'.....2 Clapton Orient.....3
'Spurs, even with the assistance of wily Willie Hall, threw away enough chances to have won this game comfortably. They were superior in the finer points, and had slightly more of the play. Once they got to the penalty area, however, they could do nothing right, and once more they learned the ancient Soccer adage that goals count.

Bartlett, the Orient centre half, played the part of stopper to perfection. He allowed Morrison little scope, and though the centre forward showed commendable dash, he rarely saw a clear path to goal. Astley, on loan to Orient, was in his element, and stood out for his brilliant ball control. Tully, his partner, made full use of some first-class "feeding."

THE EQUALISER

'Spurs' went ahead after 21 minutes through Morrison, but Orient thoroughly deserved the equaliser, scored by centre forward Devine.

After the interval Morrison put 'Spurs' in front again, and soon afterwards Astley equalised, and then Tully notched the winning goal. Orient were penned in their own half for the rest of the game, but they gave nothing away in defence.

Orient revealed sound teamwork and dash, and they deserved their success for the manner in which they accepted their chances.

MILLWALL'S DOUBLE OVER CHARLTON

Millwall.....5 Charlton.....2
Millwall not only gained a "double" at Charlton's expense, they "rubbed it in" playing fast and clever football, they revealed all-round superiority, and were not flattered by the margin of the score.

Their forwards, splendidly led by Jinks, had the support of a strong half-back line, in which Forsyth stood out. Broily, at centre half, kept Thomas Charlton's centre forward, completely subdued.

Although he scored a good goal, Thomas failed to hold the Charlton forwards together, with the result that the visitors rarely troubled Burke. Turner worked hard at right back, and Hobb's at outside left was the best of the Charlton front line.

Soccer Shield Final Will Be Played At Caroline Hill

RECORD CROWD EXPECTED

It is officially learned that the football Shield Final will be played on the CAROLINE HILL ground on Sunday, March 31, at 4 p.m., between South China "A" (holders for the past four years) and Eastern Athletic Association.

It is, as yet, too early to delve into prospects; suffice it to say that the match is expected to attract a record attendance. It should prove to be the match of the year, for the previous two League encounters between these two teams have been remarkable games and witnessed by thousands. The Caroline Hill men won on both occasions, the scores in their favour being 2-1 and 3-2.

It is further understood that the charges for admission to the Shield Final will be \$1.10, 55 and 35 cents.

SOUTH CHINA'S SUCCESSES

In their path to the final, South China "A" defeated Kwong Wah by five goals to two in the first round and then eliminated the Royal Navy by 4-2. Meeting the Police, last year's runners-up, in the semi-final, the Chinese emerged winners by the odd goal in five, after a very thrilling match on the Club ground.

To date the Caroline Hill team has scored 12 goals, of which ten are shared by Lee Wai-long and Lai Shiu-wing.

HOW EASTERN FARED

Drawing a bye in the first round, Eastern defeated Royal Scots by three clear goals in the second round and then beat South China "B" in the semi-final by four goals to two.

Eastern has an aggregate of seven goals with Lee Tak-ke, Cheong Kam-hoi and Chung Yun-sum sharing two apiece.

Whatever the result in the final, soccer fans will be well advised to see the game and to arrive on the ground early.

WINNERS SINCE 1930

Senior Shield winners since 1930 are as follows:—1930—Somerset Light Infantry; 1931—South A.A.; 1932—South Wales Borderers; 1933—South China A.A.; 1934—South Wales Borderers; 1935—South China "B"; 1936—South China "A"; 1937—South China "A"; 1938—South China "A"; 1939—South China "A".

The Royal Scots won the Junior Shield last year, the winners in 1933 being Kwong Wah A.A.

H.K. Soccer Referees' Assn. Dance

AT HOTEL CECIL ON FRIDAY

The Hongkong Football Referees' Association are holding their first dance at the Hotel Cecil on Good Friday, from 8.30 p.m. to 1 a.m. The dance band of the Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment), by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. D. J. McDougall, M.C. and Officers, will be in attendance.

It is hoped to hold dances every four weeks.

There will be spot prizes and a very good evening is assured by the Entertainment Committee of the Association, who will make every effort to ensure a success. Prices of tickets are \$1.50 for gentlemen and \$1 for ladies, including refreshments.

The Association's second Whist Drive will be held at the Hotel Cecil on Friday, April 5, when another successful drive is hoped for. Best of prizes are again guaranteed.

Fisher, Jinks (two), and Jobling (own goal) scored first-half-goals for Millwall. Thomas replying just before the interval. In the second half Fisher scored for Millwall and Green for the visitors.

LORD ATHLONE NEW F.A. PRESIDENT

The Earl of Athlone was unanimously elected president of the Football Association in succession to the late Mr. William Pickford.

He is the fifth holder of the office since the inception of the association in 1883, his predecessors, in addition to Mr. Pickford, being Sir Francis Marindin, Lord Kinnaird and Sir Charles Clegg.

Lord Athlone is a keen supporter of the game, which he played at Eton. When Governor-General of South Africa he welcomed the English team to the Union in 1929, and watched all three representative matches.

Mr. R. Tinson, a member of Lord Athlone's personal staff, and himself a referee, said that Lord Athlone seldom missed a match with a Continental side.

H.K. CRICKET CLUB TO MEET C.C.C.

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club 2nd XI v. Craggengower 2nd XI at Craggengower on Saturday, at 2 p.m.:

E. J. R. Mitchell (Captain), H. J. Armstrong, C. W. E. Bishop, G. P. Charlton, A. T. Dow, R. D. Gillespie, Brigadier T. Macleod, R. S. W. Paterson, D. O. Parsons, D. S. Robb, E. W. Stout.

Sporting Fixtures

TODAY

BADMINTON.—Colony's Championships.—Mixed Doubles.—D. Kwok and Mrs. Wilson v. H. Eardley and Miss D. Eardley (Taikoo, 8 p.m.); Men's Junior Singles.—K. L. Lui v. N. L. Smith (Taikoo, 8.30 p.m.); T. S. Young v. J. Clark (King's College, 8.30 p.m.); Men's Doubles.—A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth v. M. A. Silva and M. A. Oliveira (Taikoo, 9 p.m.); K. L. Yong and H. F. Chew v. H. M. Lau and S. C. Chung (King's College, 8 p.m.); C. Au and P. H. Wong v. R. Marques and H. F. Goncalves (King's College, 9 p.m.).

TENNIS.—Colony's Championships.—Open Doubles.—T. A. Pearce and B. C. Fay v. T. C. Chan and Marsland, Ma. (8); Kwok Hing-chung and Lui Kwal-fan v. C. H. R. Hyde and J. J. Ferguson (5); Handicap Singles.—A. W. Sewell, -4.6 v. A. C. I. Bowker, -3.6 (1); A. K. Mackenzie, 2.6 v. E. Zulau, -1.5 (3); A. H. Barwell, -1.5 v. J. C. Pool, 1.6 (3); D. M. McDougall, -1.5 v. P. Wynter-Blyth, -2.6 (7); Mixed Handicap Doubles.—H. J. Armstrong and Mrs. L. R. Andrews, -3.0 v. H. D. Bidwell and Miss E. Lammert, -2.8 (4); D. G. Allen and Miss J. Purkis, scr. v. C. B. and Mrs. Nicholson, -3.6 (2).

TOMORROW

ATHLETICS.—Peak School Annual Sports, 2.45 p.m.

SHOOTING.—Hongkong Rifle Association's Weekly Spoon and Practice Shoot, at Kowloon City, 1.45 p.m.

TENNIS.—Colony's Championships.—Open Singles.—Tsui Yan-pui v. R. G. Biesel, Jr. (2); S. A. Rumjahn v. S. A. Gray (5); Open Doubles.—J. Goncalves and A. V. Remedios v. Paul Kong and B. Szeto. (8); Club Singles.—A. Lade v. B. C. Fay (7); Handicap Singles.—W. M. Barton, -3.6 v. M. Pazh, -3.0 (1); D. S. Robb, -2.6 v. G. C. Burnett, -1.5 (3); Mixed Handicap Doubles.—P. Wynter-Blyth and Miss B. Fair, scr. v. L. J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Churchill, -15.2 (3); B. O'M. Deane and Miss D. Eardley, -15.3 v. V. R. Gordon and Mrs. Ralph, scr. (4).

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

ATHLETICS.—Diocesan Girls' School Annual Sports at King's Park, 2 p.m.; King's College Annual Sports, at Caroline Hill, 1.30 p.m.

BADMINTON.—Colony's Championships.—Mixed Doubles.—L. A. Carvalho and Miss M. Ribeiro v. K. L. Yong and Miss O. Kho (King's College, 8

WORLD'S CHAMPION SPEED SKATER

Birger Vasenius, won the world's championship in speed skating in Helsinki last winter, was born in Finland Dec. 7, 1911. He first became interested in competitive athletics when news reached Finland that Hannes Kolehmainen had won the 1920 Olympic Marathon at Antwerp.

In the beginning he tried his fortune at numerous different sports until gradually skating proved to be best adapted to his talents. By 1933 he was second in Thunberg among Finnish speed skaters. In 1934 he won the Finnish national championship for the first time, and since then has kept it (except in 1936). In the same year he placed second after Evensen in the world's championship meet.

Until recently he has consistently placed as runner up in international championships. At the Olympic Games of 1936, for instance, he came second in both the 5,000 meters and the 10,000, third in the 1,500 and again second (after the sensational Ivar Ballangrud) in the final point score.

It is interesting to note that Vasenius, at last, won his long-barely denied world title on a rink in the very shadow of the 1940 Olympic Stadium, built on home soil.

The women's speed skating championship was also won by a Finn, Verna Lesche, who like Vasenius had been perennial runner-up for the title.

COLONY TENNIS POSTPONED

Rain yesterday again caused postponement of four matches in the Colony Open and H. K. C. C. tennis tournaments.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Second round—Kwok Hing-chung and Lui Kwal-fan v. Capt. C. H. R. Hyde and J. J. Ferguson. First round—T. A. Pearce and B. C. Fay v. T. C. Chan and Marsland Ma.

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Third round—Tsui Yan-pui or J. L. C. Pearce v. R. G. Biesel, Jr.; S. A. Rumjahn v. S. A. Gray.

Second round—J. Goncalves and A. V. Remedios v. Paul Kong and Bick Szeto.

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Third round—A. Crawford v. Pang Oi-lam; Wei Chung v. Tennis Kwok; Lt. J. S. Theobald or T. C. Chan v. O. Umetsani.

Third round—Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui v. A. R. Kitchell and I. M. A. Razack (winners enter semi-final).

WALES WANTS BIG RUGBY

ENGLAND MAY AGREE

There is a chance that, after all, the Rugby season will not be completely barren of international football.

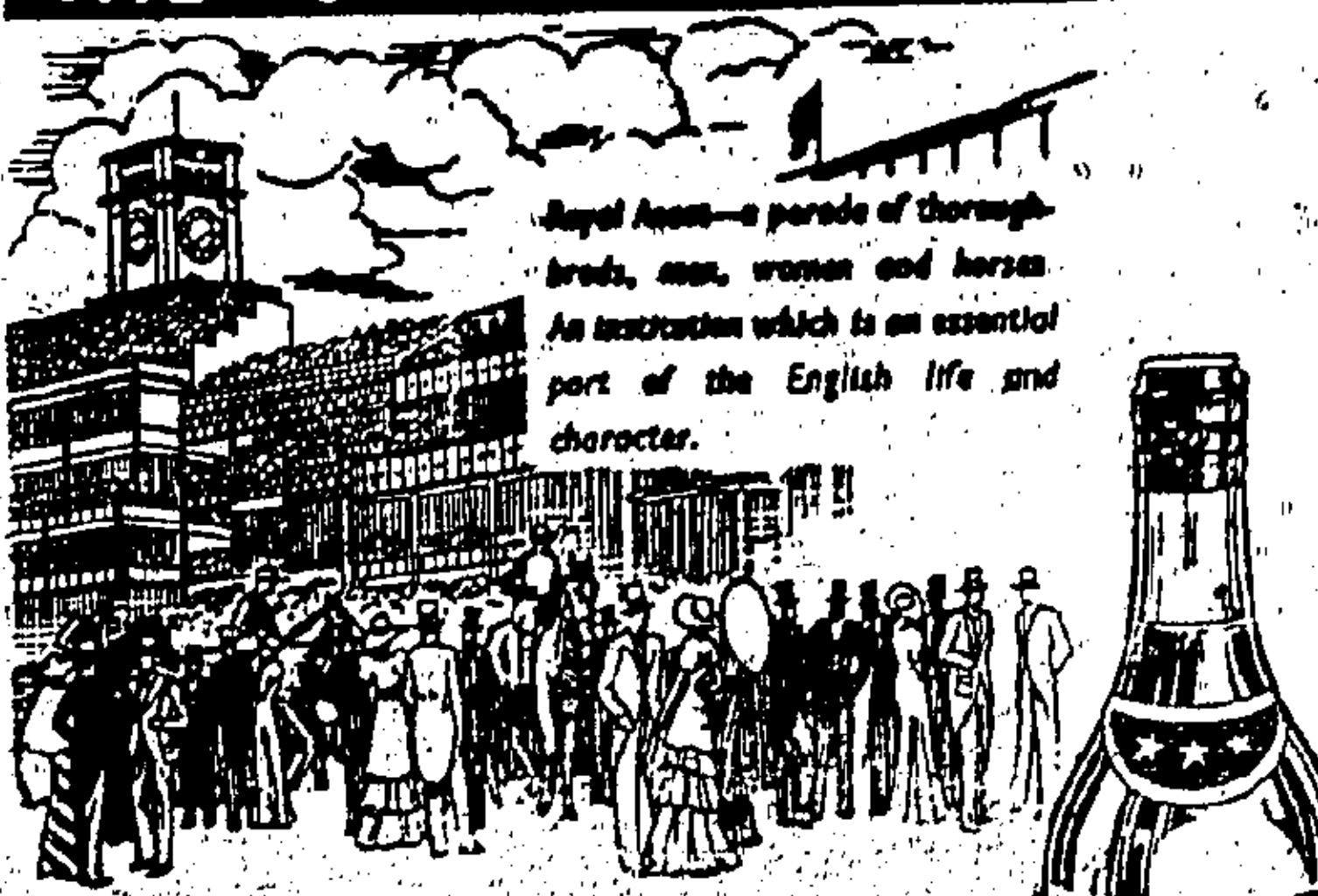
The large attendance at Richmond recently, when England and Wales played and beat Scotland and Ireland, showed how great is the public's liking for the "big" affair, and it is only sensible that that liking should be translated into cash for some deserving cause.

The Welsh Union have made a request that, for the benefit of the Red Cross, matches between England and Wales should be played both at Twickenham and in Wales.

The Emergency Committee of the English Union will meet in London to consider and, in all probability, to agree to the request. It is expected that Scotland and Ireland will be invited to participate.

The voluntary behaviour of the individual player in times of national crisis has always been Rugby Football's proud boast. Governing bodies should do all they can for the best of charities.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 23rd and MONDAY, 25th March, 1940, commencing at 12.30 p.m. on both days.

The first Bell will be rung at 12 Noon and the Tiffin Interval will be after the second race (1 p.m.) on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 per day for Gentlemen and \$3.00 per day for Ladies (Both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of All Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27794) will close at 10.45 a.m. on both days.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Telephone 21924).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 per day including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary

Hong Kong, 18th March, 1940.

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COMING EVENTS

MARCH

19—Tides: High 6.40 a.m. and 5.02 p.m. Low 9.30 a.m.

Sunrise: 6.30 a.m.; Sunset: 6.34 p.m.

Cheero Club, Ladies' Advisory Committee, Bridge and Mahjong Drive, 3 p.m.; Whist Drive, 9 p.m.

Crown Land Sale, D.O., Tai-po, 11.30 a.m.

H.K. Automobile Assn. Annual Mtg., Linstead and Davis Office, 5.30 p.m.

H.K. Rotary Club Tiffin Mtg., 1 p.m.

Speaker: Mr. Henry Peterson "Speech Craft."

Claims against estate of Alfred Edmund Hatch due.

Y.M.C.A.: Bridge 10 a.m.; Badminton 6 p.m.; Mixed Swimming, 6 p.m.

Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Colony Tennis Championships continued.

Cathedral Hall, Cathedral Trustees Mtg., 5.30 p.m.

Cathedral Scouts, Bishop's House, 5.30 p.m.

H.K. Teachers' Assn., Maryknoll Convent School, Kowloon, 5.15 p.m.

St. John's Cathedral: Devotional Service and Address, 5.15 p.m.

Cathedral: Lenten Mission, 6 p.m.

S and S Home, Prayer and Fellowship Mtg., 8.30 p.m.

H.K. Lawn Bowls Assn.: Council Mtg., S.C.M.P., 5.30 p.m.

20—Tides: High 7.23 a.m. and 6.20 p.m. Low: 12.55 a.m. and 11.55 a.m.

Sunrise: 6.29 a.m.; Sunset: 6.35 p.m.

H.K. Rope Manufacturing Co. Ltd. Annual Mtg., 10, Des Voeux Rd. C. 11.30 a.m.

Peak School, Annual Sports, 2.45 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Badminton from 10 a.m.; A.D.C. Rehearsal, 8 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

H.K.F.A.: Management Committee Mtg.

Colony Tennis Championships continued.

Cheero Club Dance, 8.30 p.m.

S and S Home: House Committee Mtg., 5.30 p.m.

Kowloon Union Church, Women's Guild, 10 a.m.

Cathedral Hall: Cathedral Women's Fellowship Working Party, 10 a.m.

21—Tides: High 7.55 a.m. and 7.25 p.m. Low: 1.32 a.m. and 1.05 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.28 a.m.; Sunset: 6.36 p.m.

Chess Championship Continued.

H.K. Electric Co. Ltd. Annual Mtg., 11 a.m., Extraordinary Gen. Mtg., 11.15 a.m.

Kai Tak Airport Dance, Peninsula Hotel.

Vagabond Rotarians Mtg., Cafe de China, 1 p.m.

King's College Annual Sports, Caroline Hill, 1.30 p.m.

Chinese Estates Ltd. Annual Mtg., China Building, 12 noon.

Passiontide Music, St. Andrew's Church, 9 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Games Morning 10 a.m.; A.D.C. Rehearsal, 9 p.m.

Diocesan Girls' School, Annual Sports, King's Park, 2 p.m.

Interport Hockey Trial, Navy Ground, 6.15 p.m.

Colony Tennis Championships continued.

H.K. Y's Men's Club Mtg., No. 14, Koon Ma Terrace, Happy Valley, 6.30 p.m.

Cheero Club, Contract Bridge.

22—Tides: High 8.30 a.m. and 8.20 p.m. Low: 2.15 a.m. and 1.59 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.28 a.m.; Sunset: 6.36 p.m.

Good Friday.

United Service of Christian Witness in Kowloon, 11.30 a.m.

St. Andrew's Club, Whist Drive, 8.45 p.m.

Golf: Happy Valley Golfers v. Kowloon Golfers.

Claims against estate of Herbert Hatch due.

H.K. Teachers' Assn. Dance at Hotel Cecil, 8.30 p.m.

Passiontide Music, St. John's Cathedral, 9 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Badminton 6 p.m.; Mixed Swimming, 6 p.m.

Cheero Club, Darts, Table-Tennis, Billiards.

23—Tides: High 9.04 a.m. and 9.19 p.m. Low: 2.50 a.m. and 2.49 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.27 a.m.; Sunset: 6.38 p.m.

Portuguese Company of H. E. V.D.C. Annual Dinner, Club Lusitano, 7.30 p.m.

H.K. Jockey Club, Second Extra Race Meeting, 2 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: American Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament at King's Park, 2 p.m.

All Saints Church, Bazaar, Kowloon, 10 a.m.

24—Tides: High 9.40 a.m. and 10.10 p.m. Low: 3.28 a.m. and 3.36 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.27 a.m.; Sunset: 6.37 p.m.

Good Friday.

Golf: Shanghai Visitors' Cup; semi-final of Mixed Foursomes due to be completed; first round of Adamson Cup due to be completed.

Interport Soccer: Macao v. Hongkong; Interport Dinner, Hotel Cecil, 25—Tides: High 10.15 a.m. and 11 p.m. Low: 4 a.m. and 4.24 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.28 a.m.; Sunset: 6.37 p.m.

H.K. Jockey Club, Second Extra Race Meeting, 2 p.m.

Entries Close for Kowloon Marathon Race.

International Soccer Final.

26—Tides: High 10.52 a.m. and 11.52 p.m. Low: 4.33 a.m. and 5.10 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.28 a.m.; Sunset: 6.33 p.m.

H.K. Whampoa Dock Co., Annual Mtg., 12 noon.

Busy Bee Working Party, Bridge & Mahjong Drive, Cathedral Hall, 3 p.m.

West Country Society Supper Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 9 p.m.

27—Tides: High 11.28 a.m.; Low: 5.05 a.m. and 6.03 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.25 a.m.; Sunset: 6.38 p.m.

Dairy Farm Ice and Cold Storage Co. Ltd. Annual Mtg., 12 noon.

Cheero Club, Gals Dance, 8.30 p.m.

H.K.A. Prize Meeting.

China Entertainment & Land Investment Co. Ltd. Annual Mtg., King's Theatre Building, 12 noon.

28—Chess Championship Continued.

Y.M.C.A.: A.D.C. To Present "Housemaster," 9 p.m.

H.K.A. Prize Meeting.

Peninsula Hotel, Harp Recital, 8.15 p.m.

China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co. Ltd. Annual Mtg., H.K. Hotel, 12 noon.

29—Institute of Engineers: Lecture on "Chemical Warfare" by Wing-Com. A. H. Steele-Perkins.

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Fox-Trots—Twelfth Street Rag; Awful Sad—Duke Ellington and His Orchestra.

West Wind (Newman and Others); The Star and The Rose (Young Schwartz)—Turner Layton and Duke Ellington and His Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Tchaikowsky—Capriccio Italien, Op. 45.

Boston Promenade Orchestra conducted by Arthur Fiedler.

1.20 Two Songs by Theodore Chailly (Bass).

The Old Corporal (Dargomysky); The Horn (Flager)—with Orchestra conducted by George Dyng.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press; Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Variety with The Mills Brothers, Clapham and Dwyer, and the Ballyhoolligans.

Vocal—Sixty Seconds got Together (Livingston, David); Julius Caesar (Rogers)—The Mills Brothers (Four Boys and a Guitar, Dance Orch.—The Ballyhoolligans Make Whoopee).

Medley Fox-Trot—Intro: Japanese Sandman, Darktown Strutters' Ball; Alexander's Ragtime Band; Goodbye Blues; Wabash Blues; Shine—The Ballyhoolligans' Descriptive Sketch—Clapham and Dwyer—on Hobbies (Clapham and Dwyer)—Clapham and Dwyer: Vocal—Rhythm Saved the World (Cahn, Chaplin); Shoe Shine Boy (Chaplin, Cahn)—The Mills Brothers (Four Boys and a Guitar), Dance Orch.—Favourite Favourites, No. 3—Fox-Trot Medley—Intro: Sep-tember in the Rain; Carelessly; Broken-hearted Clown; Then start take that away from me; Where is the Sun; Slap that Bass—The Ballyhoolligans.

2.15 Close down.

6.00 B.B.C. Recording—"The Mist of the Years."

Devised and produced by John Gough. Music arranged by Ian White.

6.29 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.30 Popular Classics compared from the Studio.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.05 Noel Coward in some of his Musical Plays.

Love Scene from "Private Lives"—Gertrude Lawrence and Noel Coward (Talking); "Operette"—The Stately Homes of England—Hugh French, London, John Gairrell, Kenneth Carter, accom. by His Majesty's Theatre Orchestra, London. "Wine and Music"—Mad Dogs and Englishmen—Noel Coward (Vocal) with Orchestra. "Bitter Sweet"; Dear Little Cafe; I'll See You Again—Peggy Wood and George Metaxa with Orchestra.

8.30 Compositions of Gershwin.

Concerto in F Major for Piano and Orchestra—Paul Whiteman and His Orchestra and Roy Barry (Piano). Bess, You Is My Woman Now (from "Porgy and Bess")—Lawrence Tibbett

and Helen Jepson with Orchestra. Lullaby (from "Porgy and Bess")—Helen Jepson (Soprano) with Orchestra.

9.02 Concert Waltzes.

Amorette (Gung); Old Vienna (Gems from Lanner's Waltzes—arr. Kremer)—Marek Weber and His Orchestra. The Skaters (Gung)—Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

9.15 London Relay—The News.

9.30 London Relay—"Cards on the Table."

9.45 Tino Rossi (Vocal) and the Orchestra Raymonde.

Dance of the Merry Mascots (Ketelbey)—Orchestra Raymonde. Paradis Du Reve (Fysher); Si Tu Le Voulaiss (Tino Rossi) (Vocal) with Orchestra. Indian Mail—Descriptive (Lamotte); Glow Worm—Intermezzo (Paul Lincke)—Orchestra Raymonde.

Aux Iles D'Amour (film Lumieres de Paris); El Danzon (film Lumieres de Paris)—Tino Rossi (Vocal) with Orchestra. Song of the Vagabonds (Intro: Biquette's Waltz—both from "The Vagabond King"—Fanny). Only A Rose (Intro: Some Day—both from "The Vagabond King")—Orchestra Raymonde.

10.13 Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—I Can't Give You Anything But Love; My Last Year's Gal—Harry Roy and His Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea; Ol' Man Moses—Eddy Duchin and His Orchestra. Waltz—Let's Waltz for Old Time's Sake; Slow Fox-Trot—I Fall in Love With You Every Day (film "Swing Teacher Swing")—Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Flattered in Paris; Minuet for a Modern Miss—The Six Swingers. Quickstep—Smarty (film Double or Nothing); Slow Fox-Trot—Little Heaven of the Seven Seas—Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra. Tango—When A Gypsy Played; Tango Marins—Emil Rovee and His Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Three Jolly Fellows; Little Rhinoceros—The Three Virtuosos. Waltz—Waltz of My Heart (from "The Dancing Years")—Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.

11.00 Close down.

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London Log 11.15 p.m.

Sundays—London Log 6.45 a.m.

Facilities For Skilled Workers To Travel From India

In view of the ban on the emigration of unskilled workers from India a procedure has been devised which facilitates travel between India and Ceylon in the case of Indians other than unskilled workers.

These Indians have had considerable inconvenience caused to them in having to satisfy the Protector of Emigrants at Madras and Tuticorin of their status before being permitted to come to Ceylon on account of the possibility of unskilled workers smuggling themselves out in the guise of skilled workers.

An arrangement now exists, according to which, on the production of certain evidence certified by the Agent of the Government of India in Ceylon, skilled workers returning to their occupations or coming to take up employment, or other travellers from India, can obtain a permit from the Protector of Emigrants to leave for Ceylon.

The Agent of the Government of India is prepared to give his assistance to those Indians wishing to avail themselves of it on his being furnished with credentials of their status and being supplied with other information on forms prescribed for the purpose.

COLONY HEALTH

Thirty cases of tuberculosis, ten cases of dysentery, three cases of cerebro-spinal fever, and two cases each of small-pox, diphtheria, enteric fever and chicken-pox were notified to the Health Department on Mar. 17.

Unfortunate Act

INDIAN CONGRESS CONDEMNS CAXTON HALL SHOOTING

RAMGARH, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—At the instance of Mr. Gandhi, the Committee adopted a resolution expressing deep regret at the death of Sir Michael O'Dwyer and the wounding of Lord Zetland, and others, adding, "the Committee does not attach any political significance to this unfortunate act. Nevertheless it wishes to reiterate the conviction that all acts are injurious to the national cause."

The resolution will not come before the open session.

PUNJAB RESOLUTION

LAHORE, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—The Punjab State Council, presided over by the Maharaja of Patiala, passed a resolution regretting the death of Sir Michael O'Dwyer and the wounding of Lord Zetland, "an outstanding friend of India and her civilisation."

ANOTHER I.R.A. OUTRAGE

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—The roar of an exploding bomb, followed by a shower of glass, awakened the A.R.P. telephone girls sleeping in a hut behind Paddington Town Hall yesterday. They thought that German raiders had arrived.

It is believed that the bomb was due to I.R.A. activities. No one was injured and the damage was confined to window panes.

WORKERS CONDEMN WANG PEACE

CHUNGKING, Mar. 18 (Central).—More than 100 workers' unions in Shanghai in a joint telegram to the National Government have denied that they had supported Wang Ching-wei's "peace" circular of March 14.

The telegram pledged continued loyalty to the National Government and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

The list of signatories was headed by the Shanghai Postal Workers' Union.

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Britain's First Civilian Casualty Of The War Sustained In Scapa Flow Raid

Undue Nervousness Shown In German Claims

LONDON, MAR. 18 (REUTERS)—THE FIRST CIVILIAN CASUALTY OF THE WAR IN THE ORKNEY ISLANDS, IF NOT IN THE BRITISH ISLES, OCCURRED DURING THE RAID ON SCAPA FLOW yesterday, when a man residing near the civil aerodrome at Stromness was killed by a high-explosive bomb while standing within the doorway of his home watching tracer-bullets and anti-aircraft shell bursts.

The bomb was one of nineteen dropped by an escaping enemy plane.

The dead man leaves a widow and an infant son.

The same bomb injured two of his neighbours, both men, who were standing at their doors, and the same batch of bombs wrecked the cottage of an elderly woman, who crawled from the wreckage and collapsed on the road. Another woman and an elderly man were also injured.

More than fifty high-explosive bombs, as well as many scores of smaller incendiary bombs, fell in West Orkney.

BEATEN OFF

LONDON, MAR. 18 (Reuters)—It is learned that all along the coast of Scotland, German planes tried to bomb naval and military objectives on Saturday night. Helmsighters tried to reach the Forth-Bridge, but were beaten off by British fighters and never got within bombing distance of the bridge.

RIDICULOUS CLAIMS

LONDON, MAR. 18 (Reuters)—It was stated in British naval circles last night that "the fact that the German High Command is so eager to magnify the air skirmish over Scapa Flow and the ridiculous claims they have made of inflicting damage on units of the British Fleet betrays an undue nervousness and an almost childish desire to have something to boast about."

"It is always recognised that our Eastern and Northern bases are subject to air attack, but we are confident of giving a good account of ourselves as the fighting proceeds."

"It is very significant that only a small portion of the forces which the enemy despatched upon it cared to come into action. The others must have missed their way."

"Even of those which arrived, the bulk were content to kill and wound civilians in a small village five or six miles from the harbour, rather than face the fire of ships and batteries."



FOOT ITCH ATHLETE'S FOOT

According to the Government Health Bulletin No. 228, at least 50% of the adult population of the United States are being attacked by the disease known as Athlete's Foot.

Usually the disease starts between the toes. Little watery blisters form and the skin cracks and peels. After a while the itching becomes intense and you feel as though you would like to scratch all the time.

Beware of It-Spreading

Often the disease travels all over the bottom of the feet. The soles of your feet become red and swollen. The skin also cracks and peels, and the itching becomes worse and worse.

Get rid of this disease as quickly as possible, because it is very contagious and it may go to your hands or even to the under arm or crook of the leg.

Here's How to Treat It

The germ that causes the disease is known as Trichophyton. It buries itself deep in the folds of the skin and is very hard to kill. A test made shows it takes 15 minutes of boiling to kill the germ, so you can see why the ordinary remedies are unsuccessful.

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Fear Of Aggression Draws Smaller Nations In Europe Together

ANTI-GERMAN AND ANTI-RUSSIAN TENDENCY

LONDON, MAR. 18 (Reuters)—The Herald Tribune analyses the position of small nations and the pressures forcing them together.

The process has gone further along in Scandinavia, says the paper, but even in the Balkans the fear of the Reich and the Soviet may slowly overcome age-old hostilities.

PERIL TO INDEPENDENCE

"It must never be forgotten that, in the long run, all such regional alliances are likely to be anti-German and anti-Russian in tendency. It is from Germany and from Russia, and not from the Allies, that peril to the independence of small states in Europe is to be anticipated."

"In this basic anxiety of all of them, there is a vast difference in the degree and duration from the peril to be anticipated from yielding to German and to Allied pressure."

"It is a difference which the most ignorant Balkan peasant understands completely. It is, indeed, the key to the understanding of the present situation in that area."

JAPANESE ARREST SHAI CHINESE

CHUNGKING, MAR. 18 (Central)—Thirty-two Chinese men have been arrested by the Japanese in the Hunan area in Western Shanghai during the past two weeks for not possessing domicile permits, according to a Shanghai report. Nothing has been heard of them since their arrest.

Many Chinese men in Chapel have also been placed under arrest by the Japanese on small charges.

According to those who escaped, there are more than 1,000 Chinese detained in a Japanese concentration camp in Shanghai.

Finland's Power To Resist Any Attack In The Future Considerably Weakened

LONDON, MAR. 18 (REUTERS)—A TALK ON THE MILITARY SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RUSSO-FINNISH TREATY WAS GIVEN BY CAPTAIN CYRIL FALLS, MILITARY CORRESPONDENT OF THE TIMES, FROM DAVENTRY ON SATURDAY.

"The Russian attack on Finland," he said, "has ended as it was bound to if sufficient aid did not come in time. The reasons why that aid did not come is a complication which is not wholly clear even now. In any case they are political and I am not going to discuss them."

"In connection with the military significance, however, I am not going back on what I said a short time ago that the Russians pulled together and that their operations against the Mannerheim Line and the Summa Sector were well directed."

BEGINNING OF END

"Apart from the ground which they lost, the Finns were exhausted by the unceasing assaults and the speed with which the Red Army followed up the Finnish withdrawals. The Finns had no relief troops and this was the beginning of the end."

"The effect of the frontier, loss of the Karelian Isthmus and the northern shore of Lake Ladoga will deprive Finland of much of her power to resist any such onslaught in the future."

"The siting and construction of the Mannerheim Line is work of the highest skill and these conditions cannot be replaced. Equally strong fortifications might be built on many of the great lakes, but these would not block the way to the most thickly populated and richest area of Finland, the southern coast."

MOBILE TACTICS

Captain Falls emphasised once again that the mobile tactics which the Finns used so effectively on the Eastern Front would not serve the same purpose in the south, where the Russians could deploy sufficiently to disregard them.

"With the demobilisation of Petsamo, the Soviet right of way across Norway seems to be more of a concern to Norway than to Finland, because the latter could hardly have defended this area for long."

"Similarly, the railway to be built on the Soviet right of way across Finland's waist-line is more of a threat to Sweden, although its main purpose now might merely be for trade."

"The loss of Hangoe is not for the purpose of holding Finland in chains, but rather to strengthen the Soviet position in the Baltic, especially in the Gulf of Finland. It might be that waters chances have been missed by the

MORE LABOUR UNREST: STRIKE IN RHODESIAN COPPER MINES

JOHANNESBURG, MAR. 18 (Reuters)—Some 650 workers at the Mafikeng Copper Mine in the Nkana Concession of Lunenburg District of Northern Rhodesia struck work yesterday, demanding increased wages and other concessions. It is expected that the workers on other mines in the Nkana area will come out in sympathy today.

GEN. WAVELL IN SOUTH AFRICA

CAPE TOWN, MAR. 18 (Reuters)—General Sir Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief of the British Forces in the Middle East, has arrived here for a two-day discussion with the Government and military authorities. He said that his talks in Kenya on the way down had been satisfactory. He also held discussions in Rhodesia and is expected to visit Belwayo (in Southern Rhodesia) on his way back to Cairo.

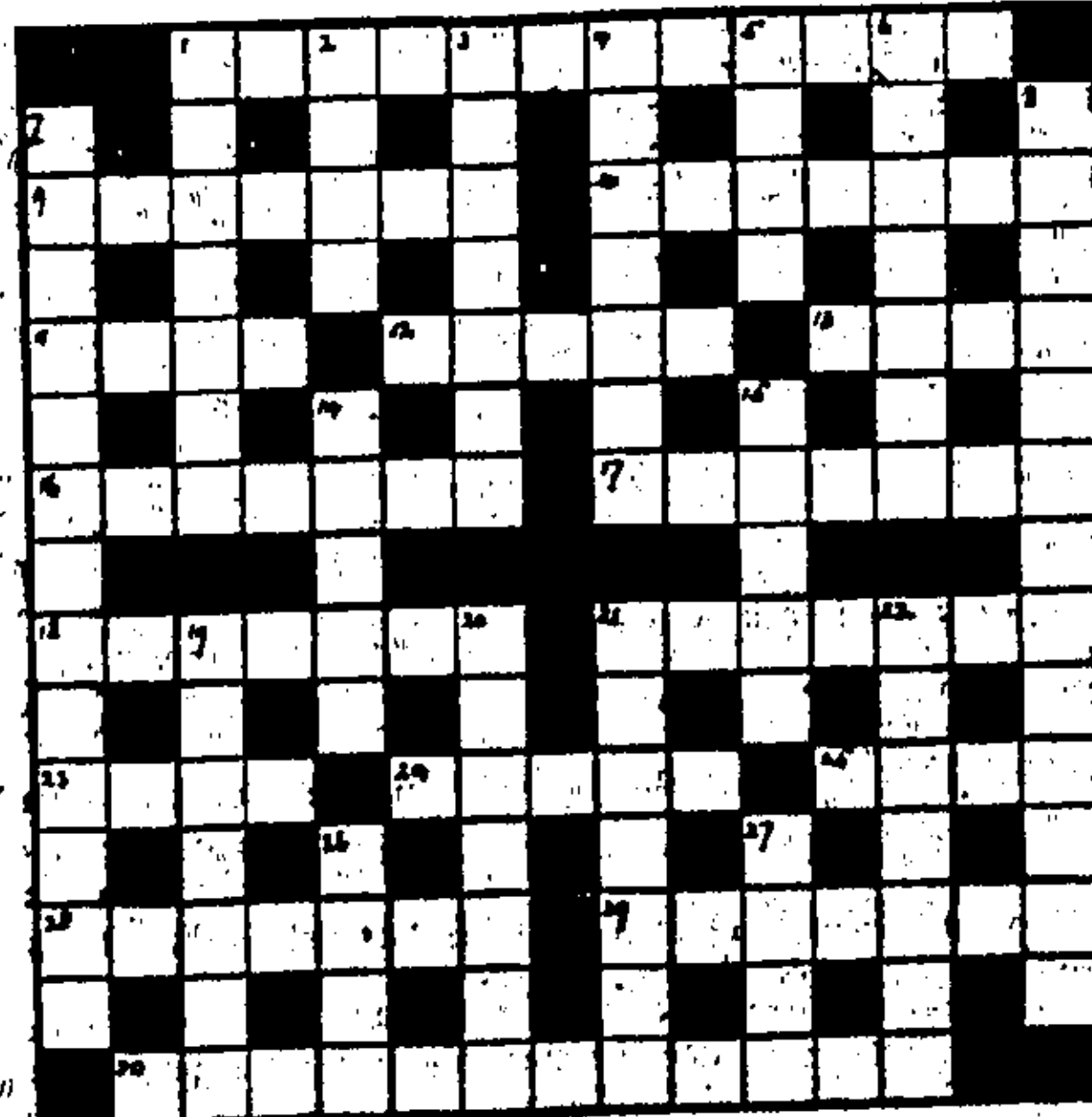
DUBLIN BUS STRIKE OVER

DUBLIN, MAR. 18 (Reuters)—The Municipal strike has ended following intervention by the Catholic Bishop of Thasog and all city services are expected to be restored today.

Solution No. 561

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- A citizen of the world.
 - Not a pleasant after-feeling.
 - The real combination for boot or shoe.
 - Can often be heard on the wireless.
 - Eastern religion.
 - May be a star turn.
 - Botanical term.
 - Recently unsettled part of Europe.
 - One of Napoleon's marshals.
 - Variety is thus provided nowadays.
 - The woman comes from a disturbed part of Ulster.
 - Situation revealed as the result of a test.
 - No shopkeeper likes to see it empty.
 - Offence.
 - I am involved in a crater in wandering.
 - The bishop comes to the same end as 1 across.
- DOWN**
- Place us at the bottom of the
 - Island.
 - Superintendent.
 - French town.
 - Astetic kingdom.
 - You can take headers into this.
 - Where the ancient and the modern meet (2 words, 7 and 6).
 - Albert created it, fire destroyed it (2 words, 7 and 6).
 - I've taken in a doctor to see the bird.
 - Turn round a number for the mixture.
 - Cannot be solved without a blunder.
 - Continental port.
 - Probably correct description of the patient (2 words, 3 and 4).
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MANSLAUGHTER VERDICT AGAINST DRIVER

Castle Peak Road Mishap Inquest Concludes

A verdict of manslaughter against the driver, Chan Yau, was returned at Kowloon Court yesterday when the inquiry was concluded into the death of Choy Wai, about 54 years of age, who died of multiple injuries sustained when he was thrown out of the rear of a lorry in a collision in Castle Peak Road on the night of January 21.

The collision, the jury further found, was due to gross negligence on the part of the driver, Chan Yau. The lorry was driven into the wall outside house No. 425, Castle Peak Road, and, it is alleged, Chan Yau left the scene of the accident immediately after and has not been seen since.

It was claimed in Court yesterday that a second man who had been injured in the collision has died since in his native village. In summing-up to the jury the evidence taken at the inquiry, Mr. Q. A. A. Macdadyen, sitting as Coroner, said that there was evidence to show that the lorry was carrying a moderate load.

KNEW VERY LITTLE
It was, however, being driven, by a person who must necessarily have known very little about driving though he had a learner-driver's licence. A witness, involved in the accident, said the speed was high all the way, but, until the last turn, not unreasonable.

Several witnesses agreed that at a dangerous right angle bend the speed was very high and the lorry not properly under control.

The jury, comprising Messrs. T. M. Pereira (foreman), Paul Zane and Wan Hung-kwan retired several minutes to consider their verdict.

ROBBERY CASES AT SESSIONS

Nam Cheung St. Case Sequel

At the Criminal Sessions yesterday, before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, four men were convicted and sentenced to terms of imprisonment with hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane each on being found guilty on a charge of robbery by two or more. They were Cheung Ping, 28, Yip Ping, 30, Pang Kwai, 23, and Pang Kau, 26.

Cheung and Pang Kau, who were additionally charged with possession of a revolver and five rounds of ammunition, pleaded guilty and were sentenced to four years' imprisonment while the other two, on being found guilty after trial were sentenced to three years' hard labour.

The jury comprised Messrs. A. C. Ellis (foreman), Chan Wei-cheun, Tang Sing-long, A. Vago, F. J. Wilkinson, Law Chung-ping and S. A. Razack.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, told the Court that Ng Chun-sang, had a money changer's business on the ground floor of No. 75, Nam Cheung Street and in front of the establishment he conducted a grocery stall. Six foks employed by him slept on the premises.

Counsel then described the robbery and evidence was called.

Inspector A. E. Carey said Yip was found to have \$38.80 in coins, Pang had four copper cents and \$2 in Chinese currency, Pang Kau had \$75 and the woman had \$11.18 and \$8, Chinese currency. In a room of the hotel, Det.-Sergeant Shaw found a loaded five-chamber revolver.

TOY PISTOL USED

Two unemployed guilt-makers Lai Shing, 25, and Li Fai, 22, were found guilty on a charge of highway robbery and were each sentenced to two years' hard labour by Mr. Justice R. E. Lindell at the Criminal Session yesterday. Their robbery yielded them only \$2 which they obtained by holding up Yu Ma-yung with a toy pistol at the China Fleet Club.

Jury comprised Messrs. E. Abraham (foreman), A. J. Raptis, E. C. Olas, Wang Chi-hsin, L. O. Agabeg, Kam Tong-wong, and P. Youngshusband.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted.

In sentencing accused to two years' hard labour each, His Lordship said this type of hold-ups must be discouraged.

FOUR MEN ACQUITTED

Four men were found Not Guilty when arraigned before Mr. Justice R. E. Lindell at the Criminal Sessions yesterday on a charge of having robbed a man and his wife in Island Road on

THREE MEN & WOMAN GAOLED

POSSESSION OF HEROIN 'PILLS' IN VILLAGE

In passing sentence of three years' hard labour on three men, Cheung Yun, Li Fung and Li Kwong, and a woman, Tsui "Siu," for possession of dangerous drugs at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, said, "For a matter of years now I have made known to the public that I have no mercy whatsoever on those who, for personal gain, are willing to poison their fellow men."

The accused were found guilty by a jury comprising Messrs. J. A. B. Randle (foreman), W. R. Wong, Yau Kam-shing, F. Wong, L. G. Rozario, A. F. Walkden and C. de M. C. Victor.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, said that the defendants were arrested in an unnumbered house in Nga Chin Wei village on Feb. 5 as the result of a raid conducted by Mr. H. A. Taylor, Government Monopoly Analyst, and Mr. A. W. Grimmit, Chief Preventative Officer.

In a small room, which was being used as a heroin factory, were found 17,500 pills and 40 ounces of a pink substance containing heroin.

The four accused pleaded that they were refugees and did not know that they were engaged in an illegal business.

KILUNG STREET CASE
One accused was discharged and another sentenced to three years' hard labour when Lam Lan, 32, widow, and Yui Cheun, 25, unemployed, were arraigned before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, on a charge of possession of dangerous drugs.

Before the case went to the jury, his Lordship declared that there was no case against Yui Cheun, and, in discharging him, asked the jury to return a formal verdict of Not Guilty against him.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, prosecuting, said that the defendants were arrested in a raid at No. 67, Kilung Street, top floor, by Mr. A. W. Grimmit, Chief Preventative Officer and Mr. H. A. Taylor, Government Monopoly Analyst, on March 1.

RAID DESCRIBED
Describing the raid, Mr. Grimmit said that he knocked at the door and a female voice asked "Who's there." He said that he was a Revenue Officer come to make a search of the premises. There was a stampede and he saw four males and two females disappear in the direction of the roof.

On entering house No. 69 of the same street he found that the premises were being used as a heroin factory. Later the two defendants were arrested by another Revenue Officer and when brought to him they were found to be out of breath. He recognised the man by his blue suit as one of the needy persons and the woman too, by her black clothing.

The woman offered the explanation that the stain on her finger nails was got by washing a bowl with some red stuff in it. She had been hired as a cook and was ordered to wash the bowl with hot water.

Mr. Taylor gave evidence that 22,600 heroin pills were found on the premises during the raid.

ASKS FOR LENIENCY
The woman made a statement from the dock in which she repeated her explanation of how she got her finger nails stained and asked for leniency.

In sentencing her, his Lordship said, "There is a stereotype punishment for people who get mixed up in this sort of crime."

The jury found her unanimously guilty without retiring. The members of the jury were—B. C. Randall (foreman), M. Talan, A. M. d'Aguiño, M. A. Gaan, I. M. Fernandes, Li Sui-wing and Leung Min-ze.

H.K. COMMERCIAL INSTITUTE ANNUAL MEETING

A meeting of the Board of Hon. Directors of the H.K. Commercial Institute was held yesterday.

Invitations to dine at the Tai Tung Restaurant were sent out by the Chairman, Mr. Sen Gunn-le (National delegate) and Vice-Chairman, Mr. Ip Lan-chuen.

Among those present were—Prof. H. N. Cheng, Mr. Tsai Ka-po, Prof. Ma Kiem, Prof. P. K. Chan, Prof. Ma Hsiao-ching, Prof. K. M.

Funerals Of Messrs. J. H. Roberts And G. Nechaeff

The funeral services of the late Mr. John Herbert Roberts, and the late Mr. George Nechaeff, both of the B.A.T., who lost their lives in a tragic motor accident of the Wanchai prawn on Saturday, took place at the Colonial Cemetery Chapel yesterday.

The Very Rev. J. L. Wilson and the Rev. D. Uspenski, of the Russian Orthodox Church, respectively, conducted the services.

There was a large gathering of friends and B.A.T. workers present including Messrs. S. J. Cooke, J. Van Wylick, M. N. Lo, C. K. Chung, J. E. Rocha, M. J. Gwan, F. Merritt and Junior, S. P. Sequelra, A. G. Summad, E. M. Bryden, E. R. V. Ribeiro, E. Tuck, A. G. C. Buttfield, Mr. and Mrs. Y. L. Lam, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Kelleway, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Velanovsky, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. G. Cookes.

—Lt.-Col. H. B. Rose, Commandant of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, Major R. D. Walker, Capt. C. J. Waddell, Capt. F. A. Redmond, Capt. J. H. Bottomley, and men of the Field Engineer Company of the H.K.V.D.C., of which the late Mr. Nechaeff was a member.

Many wreaths were sent.

MR. P. CATHREW SERIOUSLY ILL

Mr. Peter Cathrew, one of the survivors of the tragedy which befell a party of European motorists on Saturday, is lying seriously ill in the War Memorial Hospital where he was taken on Sunday night.

Mr. Cathrew, it will be recalled, was discharged from the Queen Mary Hospital on Sunday morning having apparently recovered from the effects of the accident.

On Sunday evening, however, he developed a very high temperature and was taken to the War Memorial where he is lying with suspected pneumonia. His condition was reported to be slightly better last night.

H.K. & WHAMPOA DOCK CO. REPORT

The following is the report of the Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., to be presented to shareholders at the annual meeting of the Company to be held on Tuesday next, Mar. 26, at 12 noon, at No. 2, Queen's Building, Hongkong:

The gross profit on working for the year ending December 31, 1939, is \$1,585,533.19.

After adding scrip fees and deducting interest, rates, crown rent, insurance, directors' and auditors' fees and allowing the sum of \$208,425.54 for depreciation, the net profit for the year 1939 is \$1,109,214.62.

Adding thereto the amount brought forward from last year \$373,107.47.

Leaves available a sum of \$1,482,322.09.

Which the directors recommend to be appropriated as follows:—To pay a dividend of 8% per annum or 60 cents per share \$213,068; to pay a bonus of 4% per annum or 40 cents per share \$142,044; to place to general reserve \$500,000; to place to special reserve for extensions \$350,000; to pay a bonus to staff \$80,000, and to carry forward to new account \$217,212.09. Total: \$1,482,322.09.

DIRECTORS

In accordance with Article No. 96 of the Company's Articles of Association, Messrs. D. Drummond and Lawrence Kadoorie retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election.

Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson retired from the Board on going on leave, and Mr. D. F. Landale was invited to join in his place. Mr. D. F. Landale has since resigned, and Mr. J. J. Paterson rejoined. This appointment requires confirmation at this meeting.

Hon. Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell has been appointed Chairman for the year 1940.

AUDITORS

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming who retire and offer themselves for re-election.

Cheng, Mr. Chang Yee-lun (National delegate), Mr. Tsai Him (National delegate), F. I. Tsueng, Mr. H. K. Yew, A.F.T. Com., the Principal, and friends and members.

The work and progress of the Institute were reported to be very satisfactory. The scheme of expansion and improvement was discussed.

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NO BIDDING AT CROWN LAND SALE

Three lots of Crown land were sold at a public auction at the P.W.D. Office yesterday. There was no bidding.

Rural Building Lot No. 436, situated between South Bay Road and Island Road, Repulse Bay, containing an area of about 43,000 square feet, was sold to Messrs. Chan, Tin-pang, Kwan Fan-fat and M. Memagee, at the upset price of \$10,750.

New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2770, at the junction of Yen Chou Street and Fuk Wing Street, Shamshui, with an area of about 5,760 square feet, was purchased by Mr. Chiu Pak-san for \$11,520.

Ping Shan Inland Lot No. 4, in Castle Peak, containing an area of about 45,870 square feet, was sold to Mr. T. H. G. Brayfield at the upset price of \$2,294.

Seven couples were married in the fourth mass wedding in Kowloon on Sunday afternoon. The simple but dignified ceremony was officiated by Mayor Pei of Kowloon.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE SECOND DRAWING FOR PRINCIPAL REPAYMENT OF THE 27TH YEAR GOLD LOAN OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (1938).

Notice is hereby given that the above Drawing was duly held on the First of February, 1940. Three numbers each were drawn covering three different currencies of Bonds of the above Loan respectively as follows:—

Nos. 399, 611, and 744 for C.G.U. Bonds:				
6 Bonds of C.G.U.	10000 each =	C.G.U.	60,000	
120 " " "	1000 " =	"	120,000	
600 " " "	100 " =	"	60,000	
1080 " " "	50 " =	"	54,000	
600 " " "	10 " =	"	6,000	

2406 Bonds C.G.U. 300,000

Nos. 685, 829 and 912 for £ Stg. Bonds:				
6 Bonds of £ Stg.	1000 each =	£ Stg.	6,000	
105 " " "	100 " =	"	10,500	
120 " " "	50 " =	"	6,000	
600 " " "	10 " =	"	6,000	
300 " " "	5 " =	"	1,500	

1131 Bonds £ Stg. 30,000

Nos. 063, 621 and 870 for U.S.\$ Bonds:

6 Bonds of U.S.\$	5000 each =	U.S.\$	30,000
45 " " "	1000 " =	"	45,000
300 " " "	100 " =	"	30,000
300 " " "	50 " =	"	15,000
2400 " " "	10 " =	"	24,000
1200 " " "	5 " =	"	6,000

4251 Bonds U.S.\$ 150,000

All Bonds in three currencies of the above Loan bearing numbers which have their three terminal figures corresponding to those of any one of the above drawn numbers respectively shall be drawn bonds and shall be redeemable for principal at any offices of the Central Bank of China, Bank of China, Bank of Communications, and Farmers Bank of China as of April 30, 1940, for a period of six years, after which period any such drawn bonds if not presented for payment shall become null and void. As to Bonds sold abroad, payments shall be effected by the said four Banks at Hong Kong, and overseas holders may apply for payment at the original remitting bank who shall collect such payments for them from the said four Banks at Hong Kong.

Coupons No. 2 of the abovementioned Bonds in three currencies amounting to C.G.U. 2,492,500, £ 249,250 and U.S.\$ 1,246,250 respectively due April 30, 1940, shall also be payable as beginning of that date, and to be valid for six years, after which period they shall become null and void.

All drawn bonds when presented for repayment of principal must have 28 Coupons Nos. 3 to 30 attached thereon. In case of any shortage, the amount of the missing coupons shall be deducted from the proceeds of the principal repayable.

Ministry of Finance
of the
National Government
of the
Republic of China.

March 2, 1940.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 26th day of March 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Wong Nei Chung, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Inland Lot No. 5748	Opposite Inland Lot No. 5338, Tsoi Tak Street, Wong Nei Chung.	As per sale plan.	About 3470	64	10410

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 26th day of March 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Yau-mai, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 5 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4377	Near Kowloon Inland Lot No. 3186, Nathan Road, Kowloon.	As per sale plan.	About 2480	92	2760

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In Accordance with Government Ordinance, THE EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on FRIDAY, SATURDAY and MONDAY, the 22nd, 23rd and 25th March, 1940. (Easter Holidays).

Hong Kong, 18th March, 1940.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

MISCELLANEOUS PROCEEDINGS.

NO. 9 OF 1940.

IN THE MATTER of the Tung On Steamship Company, Limited

and
IN THE MATTER of the Companies Ordinance, 1932.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong dated the 13th day of March, 1940, confirming the reduction of the capital of the abovenamed Company from \$2,500,000 to \$2,000,000, and the Minute (approved by the Court) showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above Ordinance, was registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 15th day of March, 1940. And further take notice that the said Minute is in the words and figures following:—

"The capital of the Tung On Steamship Company Limited is \$2,000,000 divided into 25,000 shares of \$80 each, instead of \$2,500,000 divided into 25,000 shares of \$100 each. At the date of registration of this minute each share is to be deemed to be fully paid up."

Dated the 18th day of March, 1940.

WOO & WOO,
Solicitors for the abovenamed Company.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 26th day of March 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshui, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
3	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2774	Junction of Shun Ning Road & Kiu Ning Street, Shamshui.	As per sale plan.	About 4,800	72	5,820

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

HONG KONG CLUB

NOTICE

The Ninety-Sixth Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Hong Kong Club will be held in the Club House on Friday, March 29, 1940, at 5.30 p.m.

By order of the Committee,
C. TRENCHARD DAVIS,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 18, 1940.

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HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

Notice to Members.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Members of this Association will be held at the offices of Messrs. Linstead & Davis, 1st floor, Exchange Building, on Tuesday, 19th March, 1940, at 5.30 p.m.

LINSTAED & DAVIS
Secretaries & Treasurers.

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HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, 26th March, 1940, at noon for the consideration of the Directors' Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to 26th March, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
E. COCK,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 27th Feb. 1940.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 26th day of March 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
4	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2778	Junction of Castle Peak Road & Wing Lung Street, Cheung Sha Wan.	As per sale plan.	About 6,110	84	9,110

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ADVERTISEMENTS

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifty-first Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building on Thursday, 21st March, 1940, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1939, electing Directors and Auditors and fixing their fees.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 9th March, to 21st March, 1940, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.
Agents.

Hong Kong, 22nd Feb., 1940.

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 21st day of March, 1940, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company shall have terminated, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolution as a special resolution:—

That the Capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of \$6,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 600,000 shares of \$10 each to \$18,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 1,800,000 shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original Capital of the Company.

And for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolutions, namely:—

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and to allot to the Members holding shares of the Company as on the 1st day of July, 1940, in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every two shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1940.

2. That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing Fractional Certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fraction making up such share.

By order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.
Agents.

Hong Kong, 22nd Feb., 1940.

ADVERTISEMENTS

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S/S "MINGSANG" V. 3

From Haiphong Arr. 23/5/39.

There remain in godowns the following goods ex the above vessel:—

5 Drums Wood Oil.
30 Bundles Wood Oil.
10 Casks Aniseed Oil.
56 Casks Colophony.
10 Cases Colophony.

Freight and Storage charges are now overdue and we intend to dispose of the cargo to meet such charges.

In the event of no claims to this cargo reaching us before the end of this month, same will be sold by auction.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
Manager Managers,
Indo-China S.N. Co., Ltd.

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THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders

The Seventy-first Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Thursday, the 4th April, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 21st March, to the 4th April, 1940, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers,
The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hong Kong, 14th March, 1940.

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BIRTHS

ROBINSON.—On March 11, 1940, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Robinson, a son.

LINTILHAC.—On March 12, 1940, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, to Claire (nee Malcolm), wife of F. E. Lintilhac, a son.

MARRIAGES

ADAMS—BRUNICKE.—On December 26, 1939, at Modderfontein, Johannesburg, South Africa, George Oliver, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Grant Adams, to Elida Beatrice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Brunicke of Sunningdale, South Africa.

LEVACO — PATUSHINSKY. — On March 10, 1940, at the Ohel Rachel Synagogue, Benjamin Michael Levaco, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Levaco, to Vera, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patushinsky, both of Shanghai.

ROBERTS — BRANKSTON. — The marriage arranged between William Henry Roberts, son of Mr. (Harry) and Mrs. R. H. Roberts, formerly of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and Winifred Isabel, daughter of Mr. A. W. and the late Mrs. Brankston, of The Mill House, Twyford, Berks, formerly of Newcastle and Shanghai, will take place at Basra, in March.

DEATHS

ELUM.—On March 10, 1940, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, Edith (Dita) Tenger, dearly beloved wife of Mr. E. Elum.

ROSARIO.—On Monday, March 11, 1940, in Shanghai, Grigorio Maria da Silva do Rosario, aged 58 years, the dearly beloved father of Mrs. V. Gunther, Mrs. C. Butler, Dimas, Guilomar (Jimmy) and Angelo do Rosario.

WHEELER.—On March 11, 1940, at Virginia Water, Beatrice, widow of the late Col. George Wheeler, V. C. Gurkha Rifles, and beloved sister of Mrs. F. W. Clifton.

Missionaries In India

GERMANS RELEASED FROM CAMPS

Special To H. K. Daily Press
German missionaries in India who after a thorough examination by Indian Government officials have been found to be bona fide and not anti-government in their work have been released from Indian concentration camps for Nazi prisoners. Along with them have been freed Jews, who were refugees from Nazi terror in Hitler's Germany.

This interesting information was obtained in an exclusive interview with an American missionary, passing through Hong Kong, on home leave from Nagpur, India, where he had been engaged in missionary work for 28 years.

"How has the war affected India?" he was asked and the reply was, "Prices of foodstuffs, and raw materials have gone up somewhat, but the Government is making efforts to institute control. Otherwise people are quiet, and life goes on as usual."

"What is the political situation like in India?"
"The American missionary stated the Congress Party resigned from the Government of eight provinces, where they had the rule, as a protest against the Viceroy's declaration of a state of war in India."

CONGRESS CLAIM

The claim of the Congress Party had been that the Indian people should have decided India's participation in the war, and not the Viceroy, and so the Government in these eight provinces is now run by specially appointed governors.

There are two provinces, however, in which the Mohammedan Party have got seats in the government, and they quarrel with the Congress Party, alleging that the Congress rule in these provinces is against Moslem interests.

Gandhi is still leader of the Indian Congress, and is taking a passive role in affairs. The Indian leader desires the different castes to co-operate, and show mutual respect but not to oppose each other. He wants all temples to be open to low caste worshippers, and this has already been done in some parts of the country.

Asked as to the work of foreign missionaries in India, the missionary replied that it was mainly concerned in education, medical work, the foundation of agricultural colleges, and philanthropic activity. The accomplishments of the missionaries is stated to have attracted the attention of the higher castes, who have now organised their own societies and missions for the uplift of the lower castes. However, it is admitted that the caste system does hamper missionary work in India.

NATIONAL ROAD FUND PAYMENTS

Payments out of the National Road Fund, totalling some £20,000,000, included £4,345,000 for trunk roads and £15,888,000 grants to highway authorities for other roads, according to the Road Fund Report for the year ending March 31, 1939, published yesterday after some delay due to wartime conditions.

The total length of public roads in Great Britain is now over 180,000 miles showing an increase of some 900 miles on the previous year's figures.—(BWS).

NEW AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY MINISTRY

CHUNGKING, Mar. 16 (Central).—The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, a new department of the Executive Yuan, will be formally inaugurated as soon as its organic law has passed through the regular legislative channels, according to a spokesman of the Executive Yuan in a press interview today.

The organic law of the new ministry, the spokesman revealed, has been referred by the Supreme National Defence Council to the Legislative Yuan for examination.

NEW MINISTER

Gen. Chan Chai-tong, member of the Standing Committee of the C.E.C. and former Pacification Commissioner for Kwangtung, has been appointed the new Minister of Agriculture and Forestry.

According to the draft law, the new Ministry will be composed of five departments, and a bureau of land cultivation. It will be in charge of the development of the nation's agriculture, forestry, fishery, and cattle-breeding, but not of water conservancy, which has been placed under the direction of a separate special organ.

GERMANY AND RUSSIA START INTENSE DIPLOMATIC DRIVE TO EXTEND HOLD ON SCANDINAVIA

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AN AMERICAN VIEW ON JAPAN

BEFORE THE OUTBREAK of the current hostilities in Europe, the United States supplied Japan with well over one-half of her imports of strategic war materials. Today, with Great Britain and France not only unable to spare any war materials but needing more for their own military operations, the percentage has been markedly increased. Japan is therefore more than ever dependent upon the United States for materials essential to the carrying on of her war industries. Thus an American embargo on the export of war materials to Japan would seriously embarrass and weaken Japan, in spite of the undoubtedly large quantities of materials which she has stored up.

NOW, HOWEVER, two factors stand in the way of such a simple solution of the problem. One is the fact that, should an embargo be imposed, Japan might in desperation make a non-aggression pact with the Soviet Union and perhaps even with Germany. As part of such a pact, Japan might receive at least a portion of her required raw materials, might have new markets opened for her exports, and above all, might be free to attack British, French, Dutch and American interests in Southeastern Asia. Even though it can be argued successfully that in the long run Japan could not win by such a move, it would nevertheless broaden the Far Eastern war and perhaps place the chief burden of defence upon the United States. Japan, counting on the overwhelming sentiment of the American people against such an involvement, is using the threat of a pact with the Soviet Union to discourage an American embargo.

THE FACT is that the United States has been unwilling to give China sufficient aid during the past two and a half years to make her a nation strong enough to preserve peace in the Far East. China has been given just enough aid to keep her from collapsing, but not enough to enable her to force the withdrawal of Japanese troops from China. If today China were strong economically and militarily, then an American embargo against Japan would be effective and would enable the Chinese nation to act as the defender of a genuine open door in China and the preserver of peace in the Far East. Under such a set-up, Japan would have neither the means nor the desire to commit national suicide by further expansionist adventures.

IN VIEW of the meagre assistance given to China and the temporizing policy adopted toward Japan, one may well question the motives underlying present American Far Eastern policy. As a matter of fact, a good case can be made against the United States as a nation with selfish designs on both Japan and China. For two and a half years America has been selling Japan vast quantities of war materials at very handsome profits and at the

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 18 (Reuter)—A period of diplomatic and political activity unprecedented in the northern countries has now begun.

The following points emerge clearly:

FIRSTLY, Germany and Russia are seeking to exploit the anxieties of the northern countries to extend their hold upon them;

SECONDLY, the rights and wrongs of the Soviet-Finnish settlement is proving so controversial that the internal political situations in some of the northern countries are likely to be affected.

It is widely believed here that Germany hopes to participate in the Defensive Alliance which Finland proposed to Norway and Sweden and the arrival of two Nazi officials in Stockholm during the week-end is certainly connected with the present political situation.

Moreover, Germany is redoubling her propaganda efforts to persuade the northern countries that Britain and France will make a battlefield of Scandinavia.

Germany hopes to persuade them that their salvation lies in entrusting themselves to German protection.

same time draining her of her gold reserves. As a result, while the United States has enabled Japan to carry on her invasion of China, it has also weakened her so that, even if victorious, she would have to come to New York for financial aid. During the same period the United States has given China only the most meagre aid by extending her a paltry 25 million dollar loan on none too generous terms, and by buying Chinese silver. It has not only failed to help China to secure the costly military equipment essential for an effective counter-attack against Japan, but has also drained her of her monetary reserves so that, as in the case of Japan, the terms on which China can at some future date secure the means for national reconstruction will be those which the United States may dictate.

THEREFORE AN EMBARGO against Japan will not in itself effect the kind of peace in the Far East which will be of the greatest benefit to the American people. Such an embargo against Japan must go hand in hand with substantial aid to China. Already an important bloc in the Senate under the leadership of Senators Pepper and Connally favour additional loans to China.

CHINA IS WILLING and anxious to fight the battles for peace in the Far East but she has only manpower.

What she must have is war supplies. It is not enough to keep such supplies from reaching Japan. Positive steps must also be taken to make certain that they reach China in large quantities. By supplying China with the means for successful resistance against Japan, America can insure peace in the Far East and remove the necessity for her soldiers or sailors ever having to take part in a war in Asia. In the event that such aid is given to China, an embargo against Japan would be effective. Under these circumstances, and only then, can the question—will Japan yield to pressure?—be answered in the affirmative, with the added genuine assurance that such pressure would narrow the spheres of war, lessen the danger of American involvement, and provide a real guarantee of peace in the Far East.

ONLY BY COMBINING substantial aid to China with economic measures against Japan can the United States hope to accomplish what for forty years has been the professed aim of American policy in the Far East—namely, a China growing to industrial maturity and free to carry on economic and cultural relations with all countries on a basis of equality.—Amerasia.

The Scandinavian attitude to the German approaches may be expressed in the phrase: "Preserve Us From Our Friends," while Russia's efforts to extend her influence are less amiably regarded.

"TRUE NEUTRALITY" THREAT

A message from Amsterdam states that the Nazis appear to have launched a campaign to oust Britain from the Scandinavian markets. Using the trade agreements which Britain has just concluded with Norway and Denmark as a pretext, the German Government, says the Berlin correspondent of the Nieuw Rotterdamse Courant, has been making urgent representations to Scandinavian countries of the requirements of "true neutrality."

The correspondent says that these countries were told that Germany, in any case, is able to take more raw materials and foodstuffs from them than Britain.

INTIMIDATION

Although the agreements are scoffed at in Berlin as "compensation for the failure of British diplomacy over Finland," it is argued that Britain is endeavouring, by these means, to gain control of Scandinavian coastal waters and, it is declared, should the northern countries permit British warships to exercise such control, they will be guilty of a breach of their neutrality as serious if they had stopped exchanging goods with Germany at the instigation of Britain.

MOST COMPLICATED

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 18 (Reuter)—A reference to the proposed defensive alliance between Norway, Sweden and Finland was made by M. Gunner, Swedish Foreign Minister, in a speech on Saturday night.

It was an extremely complicated matter, he said, and required intensive study. That study had been begun so far as Sweden was concerned.

He declared that the Swedish Government was fully convinced that if Allied troops had gone through Sweden, Sweden would have been dragged into the war.

SOVIET PRINCIPLE

Germany could not be unaffected by the establishment of British and French troops in the north. As far back as January 20, M. Gunther said, Moscow had said in a note that the Russian principle was not opposed to a settlement with the Finnish Government, but the latter must put forward proposals to form a basis for negotiations.

"SECRET SESSION" SPEECH MAY BE MADE BY MR. HORE BELISHA IN HOUSE OF COMMONS DEBATE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS TODAY

LONDON, MAR. 18 (REUTER)—THE HOUSE OF COMMONS WILL DEBATE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON TUESDAY, WHEN MR. CHAMBERLAIN WILL REVIEW THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND THE PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

Major C. R. Attlee, Labour Leader, will follow and ask a number of questions regarding the Government's diplomatic and general prospects and whether the financial and economic resources of the country are being properly mobilised.

Mr. Archibald Sinclair, Liberal Leader, will speak for the opposition Liberals and it is expected that he will be followed by Mr. Hore Belisha, former War Secretary who will make his first speech since he gave his reasons for leaving the Government.

He will deal mainly with Finland.

It is understood that he will make the same kind of speech as if the Commons were discussing the question in Secret Session.

Dr. Hugh Dalton (Lab) will wind up the debate for the Opposition and it is likely that the Prime

Encounter In "No Man's Land"

GERMANS SUFFER HEAVY LOSSES

PARIS, Mar. 18 (Reuter)—The sector of the Western Front west of the Vosges has been very animated in the past 24 hours.

One of the events was an encounter in "No Man's Land" between a French "free group" (a small unit of men who volunteer for dangerous work) and a German detachment composed of about 200 men.

There was a short, but lively, engagement in which the Germans suffered heavy losses and the French had two missing.

INFILTRATION TACTICS

Late yesterday the Germans attempted infiltration tactics immediately east of Moselle but were repulsed without difficulty by combined infantry and artillery fire.

It is surmised that there is some connexion between the present diplomatic events and the sudden recrudescence propaganda on the Rhine front where the Germans have been busy putting up streamers with slogans addressed to the French troops.

The French replied with bursts machine-gun fire at the banners and men trying to erect them.

WAR COMMUNIQUE

PARIS, Mar. 18 (Reuter)—A War communique states that an enemy attempt to creep through to the east of Moselle failed before our infantry and artillery fire.

New Zealand's Air Training Scheme

WELLINGTON, Mar. 18 (Reuter)—The New Zealand Minister for Defence, Mr. F. Jones, said in an interview that soon it would be possible to provide full air training for 900 men annually, leaving about 2,200 annually to complete their training in Canada.

When the system is in full operation just over 3,000 trainees could be dealt with in New Zealand at any given time.

One thousand one hundred men are waiting to be posted to air training units and 2,800 are waiting to be interviewed by the Selection board.

AUSTRALIAN PLAN FOR FINNS

SYDNEY, Mar. 18 (Reuter)—A plan to settle Finnish immigrants in Australia on a large scale is being considered by the Australian Government.

This was disclosed by Mr. R. G. Menzies, Australian Premier, according to a Sydney broadcast.

FOREIGN PLANES OVER SWITZERLAND

BERNE, Mar. 18 (Reuter)—Foreign planes twice flew over Swiss territory this morning.

Anti-aircraft guns went into action and Swiss fighters took to the air.

Speculation On Cabinet Reshuffle In France

PARIS, Mar. 18 (Reuter)—By Monday night, at the latest, the country should know whether M. Daladier, the French Premier, has decided to reshuffle his Cabinet or not.

The big debate in the Chamber on Tuesday on the Finnish situation may thus assume added importance, with the deputies taking the opportunity to question the Government on the composition of the Cabinet.

LIKELY CHANGES

There was much discussion in political circles at the week-end in regard to the form the changes might take.

The formation of a "War Cabinet" of which M. Daladier would remain the head, was considered most likely.

In other quarters it is thought probable that a former Prime Minister will be asked to take over the Foreign Ministry.

It also considered likely that a member of the Government will be appointed France's first Minister of Information.

'SHA' DAIRIES FINED

SHANGHAI, Mar. 18 (Reuter)—Acting under the stringent food laws referring to adulteration, shortweights and measures, the French Consular authorities ordered two dairies to pay fines of \$500 and \$300, respectively, for adulteration of milk or otherwise they will be prosecuted before competent courts.

in its diplomatic, financial, as well as military aspects.

The Prime Minister's statement on Tuesday will give convenient opportunity for debate, in which the opposition will have several questions to raise.

Government's bold scheme of Colonial development, announced last month, will be discussed in the House of Lords on Wednesday.

ADDED INTEREST

LONDON, Mar. 18 (BWS)—Events of the week-end lend added interest to the debates on the war in both Houses of Parliament tomorrow.

Although the debates will be concerned primarily with a general review of events of the past six months of hostilities and will direct special attention to developments in Finland, reference will, no doubt, be made to President Roosevelt's speech on Saturday and to the meeting which began early this morning between Mr. Duce and Herr Hitler at Brenner.

WITHOUT A PEER IN THE HOUSE

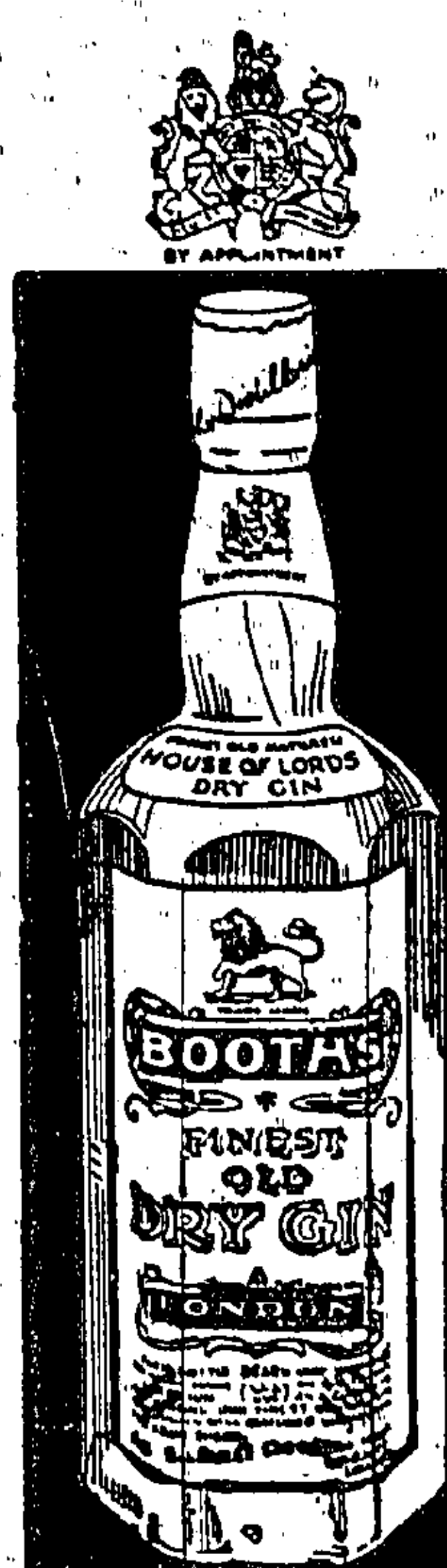
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STRAIN ON RELATIONS? PEACE MOVE? OR WHAT?

Outcome Of Hitler-Mussolini Meeting Anxiously Awaited

PARIS, Mar. 18 (Reuter)—Well-informed circles believe that the Hitler-Mussolini meeting may partly have been inspired by the strain which is being put on Italo-German relations and which has been apparent below the surface for some time. The strain is said to have become particularly evident during Herr von Ribbentrop's visit and to have been supported by information from Rome which was to the effect that Italy does not intend to change her attitude towards Russia.

At the same time, it understood that authoritative circles in Rome connect the meeting of the Dictators with Mr. Welles, though its exact connection is not defined.

It is understood that diplomatic quarters in Rome were more interested by Mr. Welles' second visit than his first.

Though not much hope is entertained in Rome for a successful peace move, it believed that such a move will be made.

Well-informed circles lay stress on the statement yesterday in Count Ciano's newspaper *Telegrafo* that the war may last a very long time.

ITALIAN SUPPORT FOR PEACE MOVE?

PARIS, Mar. 18 (Havas)—A meeting of the two dictators was generally expected this spring upon the initiative of Germany, who has sought Italian support in her peace offensive.

Knowing the allies' determination to fight until the realization of their war aims, Signor Mussolini was reluctant to participate in any peace initiative without agreement with the United States. Such agreement was apparently reached during the recent "Mussolini-Welles" talk.

According to another view, Germany is planning strong peace pressure to be simultaneously exerted by Germany, Italy and Russia. Hence one main German aim is to bring Russia and Italy closer together, but Fascist quarters have often stated that the Italian Ambassador in Moscow will not be returning to his

post and that Moscow must make a gesture first.

TOWN BEFLAGGED

ROME, Mar. 18 (Reuter)—Mussolini passed the night in his special train at Bressanone, not far from the frontier. The town was beflagged and it was snowing.

The train was going on to Brenner Pass where the meeting with Hitler took place in Il Duce's train.

Hitler was wearing the feldgrau (active service) uniform which he said in the Reichstag, at the outbreak of war, was the uniform "I like best."

Herr von Mackensen, German Ambassador in Rome, also travelled with Hitler and von Ribbentrop. Other members of Hitler's suite included Dr. Dietrich, the Reich Press Chief and personal and military aides-de-camp of the Fuehrer. Mussolini's suite included Signor Sebastiani, Il Duce's principal private secretary and Baron Gelsler Celesti, Chief of the Protocol.

BLACKSHIRT UNIFORM

Mussolini who was wearing a Blackshirt uniform, had to wait for 40 minutes for the arrival of Hitler's train and he spent the time chatting to the local Italian military commander.

Hitler's train was decorated with Italian and German colours. Hitler, who was first to alight, stepped briskly up to Mussolini who was waiting on the platform, and cordially shook hands. Conversations began immediately and greetings were exchanged.

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OPIUM - SMOKING IN KWANGSI TO BE SUPPRESSED

KWELIN, Mar. 18 (Central)—Opium-smoking in Kwangsi will be completely eradicated by the end of this June, according to the provincial authorities.

Measures to this end have been drawn up and will soon be put into force. According to the measures, all opium shops in the province will be ordered to close beginning as from April 1, and all opium in store will be burned. Any one found taking the drug after a six month limit will be shot.

It is estimated that there are still about 100,000 opium addicts in the province. Those who obtained licenses will be rid of their habit in accordance with a specified time while those failing to obtain them have been detained in clinics.

An Opium Administration Bureau will be established on April 1 to take charge of the suppression.

ADVERSE BALANCE IN TRADE WITH INDIA

Dumping Charge Is Not "Statistically Correct"

"After all, in the year 1939, out of a total exportation of 351 million rupees' worth of coconut products from Ceylon to all countries, India has only purchased a little under 81 million rupees' worth," states the Ceylon Trade Commissioner for India, Mr. M. H. Kantawala, in his annual report.

"This gives," he continues, "a percentage of 24 per cent. and it is, therefore, not statistically correct to say that Ceylon 'dumps' her coconut products into India."

Mr. Kantawala states that Ceylon's total trade with India in 1939 resulted in an adverse balance of 42 million rupees. The exports from Ceylon to India increased from Rs. 9,017,271 to Rs. 10,702,861 in 1939, an increase by over Rs. 1½ million, but at the end of August, 1939, this export trade had already increased by over a million rupees, so that the war has really speaking decreased the quantity but increased the value of exportable products from Ceylon to India.

A PERSISTENT FEATURE

The exports from India to Ceylon have increased in the year, under review by about a million rupees to Rs. 52,154,808, so that the unfavourable balance which is a persistent feature of the Island's trade with India continues to remain the same as in the previous year, viz., minus 42 million. It was only 39 million in 1937 and 29 million in 1938.

Although it is true that about four-fifths of the total exports from Ceylon to India represent the value of coconut products, this figure is yet short by three million rupees of the peak of 1937, when India had paid Rs. 11,854,600 to Ceylon for her coconut products.

REDUCTION IN COPRA

India has again reduced her requirements of copra by another 4,622 tons, bringing that total down to 37,377 tons valued at just over five million rupees, giving an average valuation of Rs. 6.87 per cwt. This reduction is noticeable only in the last four months of the year, the total exports up to August being, in fact, 5,430 tons more than in the corresponding period of 1938. As against 23,189 tons, India has taken only 13,216 tons since September, 1939. The average valuation till August was only Rs. 6 and rose to Rs. 8 during the war months.

INTAKE OF COCONUT OIL

The intake of coconut oil by India in the year under review is more satisfactory, being 13,448 tons, almost double of her takings in the previous year; the figure

of 1938 was already reached by the end of July. Ceylon has been paid about three million rupees for her coconut oil, at the rate of Rs. 226 per ton, which is Rs. 51 less than in 1937.

The total exports of oil from the island have been 62,832 tons, India's share being thus only one-fifth.

TOBACCO

Mr. Kantawala then proceeds to deal with the trade in other products, and referring to Ceylon tobacco states:—

"Ceylon tobacco cannot be exported to any part of India except the State of Travancore on account of prohibitive duty. This State had accorded us the privilege of a reduced duty, as Ceylon tobacco is used there widely for chewing purposes, till June 30, 1939, this duty was at Rs. 135 per candy, but has been increased since to Rs. 200 per candy.

"The effect of this is noticeable on the quantity consumed. The total exportation for 1939 is only 14 million lb. as against 2 million lb. in the year previous. The value has gone down from Rs. 628,598 to Rs. 382,414.

There have been no takings by Travancore in the months of September and October, 1939, when most of the Jafna tobacco is annually shipped there. The average valuation has remained constant at 30 cents per lb. (same as last year) compared with 29 cents in 1937 and 22 cents in 1938."

THREATS OF TRADE BARRIERS

Mr. Kantawala continues:— "This picture represents a little better trade than in 1938; but it must be remembered that the major portion of the increase of 14 million rupees had already taken place before the war was declared. Had the European political situation not been altered in the early part of September, the chances are that the exports from Ceylon to India would have shown a more promising aspect.

"India still retains the pride of place in the list of supplying countries and seeing that five crores of rupees worth of commodities are annually taken by the small neighbour, one feels a little sorry to hear threats of trade barriers against the exportation of coconut products from Ceylon to India."

H.K. POLICE RESERVE

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CHINESE COMPANY

Training Course—Part II. The undermentioned members of the Chinese Company will attend company Headquarters, for Part II of Training Course on Tuesday, Mar. 19 at 17.30 hours sharp:—

Constables R12 Lai Chak Po, R15 Tsui Kwok Ching, R31 Kwok Wai Lam, R39 Ip Shiu Ming, R95 Ip Wing Nin, R101 Lai Li Ying, R164 Mak Wai Fong, R166 Lik George Poon, R166 Chan Shiu Sun and R73 To Wing Hang.

Training Course—Part III. The following will attend Company Headquarters for instruction in Part III of Training Course on Monday, Mar. 18, 1940 at 17.30 hours sharp:—

Constables R12 Lai Chak Po, R15 Tsui Kwok Ching, R31 Kwok Wai Lam, R39 Ip Shiu Ming, R95 Ip Wing Nin, R101 Lai Li Ying, R164 Mak Wai Fong, R166 Lik George Poon, R166 Chan Shiu Sun and R73 To Wing Hang.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

INDIAN COMPANY

Training Course—Part I. The following members will attend Central Police Station on Wednesday, Mar. 20, 1940 at 17.15 hours for Squad Drill under Sub Inspector (R) Mehdi Khan:—

Constables R231 A. Karim, R257 A. Khan, R277 M. Aizal, R217 A. Hamid, R128 B. Abbas, R240 A. Mohamed, R265 Mohammed Ramzan, R266 Kesar Ali, R239 M. Hamet, R291 A. R. Feroz, R274 H. Khan, R213 M. Ali, R272 N. Nazir, R259 A. Khan, R268 G. Singh, R300 P. Singh, R701 N. Khan, R270 M. Currim, R705 S. Khan, R703 M. Hoosen, R711 W. Abbas, R713 S. Bachi, R714 Amam Khan, R716 P. R. Sharma and R717 Ajab Khan.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

FLYING SQUAD

Instructional Patrol. The next next instructional patrol of the Hongkong Section will take place on Wednesday, Mar. 20, 1940 at 17.15 hours sharp at Central Police Station. All members must attend. Dress—Blue Uniform, Cap with White Cover, Belt with Brace Whistle & Chain, and Truncheon to be carried.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

EMERGENCY UNIT RESERVE

Strength. Constable R486 W. A. Jorge has been taken on the strength of the Emergency Unit Reserve, as from Mar. 15, 1940.

Training Course—Part 1. All ranks will parade at No. 2 Police Station on Monday, and Wednesday, Mar. 18 and 20, 1940 at 17.15 hours. Dress—Blue Uniform, Cap with White Cover, Belt with Brace, Whistle & Chain, and Truncheon to be carried.

Training Course—Part III. A revolver practice will be held at King's Park Revolver Range on Sunday, Mar. 24, 1940. Members will parade at Star Ferry Kowloon at 09.35 hours.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

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Hongkong, March 18, 1940.

Pte. J. K. Ross, A.S.C. Coy., 14.3.40—30.6.40.

Pte. D. Gow, A.S.C. Coy, 20.3.40—19.4.40.

Pte. I. W. Lang, No. 2 Coy., 1.4.40—31.3.41.

Pte. W. A. H. Duff, No. 1 Coy., 15.3.40—31.3.40.

The following leave is cancelled.

Sigmn. C. Sloan, Corps. Sigs., 20.1.40—1.7.40.

STRENGTH-DECREASE

Gar. D. W. Phillips, 1st. Bty., 25.12.39.

Pte. B. N. da Silva, No. 5 Coy., 13.1.40.

Pte. B. Hallstone, No. 1 Coy., 2.2.40.

Cpl. R. L. Neubronner, Fd. Coy. Engrs., 5.2.40.

Spr. G. Y. Chen, Fd. Coy. Engrs., 5.2.40.

Gnr. J. E. McDonald, 2nd. Bty., 17.2.40.

Gnr. P. A. Finlayson, 1st. Bty., 24.2.40.

Pte. D. D. MacGregor, No. 2 Coy., 1.3.40.

Pte. P. H. Scoones, Armd. C. Pl., 1.3.40.

Cpl. H. P. L. Ozorio, Fd. Amb., 6.3.40.

Sigmn. A. E. Cock, Corps. Sigs., 8.3.40.

STRENGTH-INCREASE

Pte. H. Thomas, No. 3 Coy., 11.3.40.

Gnr. L. H. G. Humphrey, 8th A. A. Bty., 12.3.40.

Pte. A. H. Kellaway, No. 1 Coy., 12.3.40.

E. N. Thursby Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

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LATEST LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

A donation of \$750 from the Devonian—Moon Ponds Handicap is the largest item in the latest list of subscriptions to the British War Organisation Fund, Hongkong Branch, the total of which has now reached \$432,550.27.

Other donations include \$640 from the Diocesan Junior School, \$444.30 being proceeds of the U.S.R.C. Ladies' Working Party Concert at the K.C.C., \$382.23 from St. John's Hall Music Club, \$110 from the Staff of Lane Crawford and Co., and \$100 from Mrs. May Hechtel.

Previously Acknowledged \$429,630.60; St. John's Hall Music Club 382.23; Joseph Prentice 25; T. J. J. Fenwick (Monthly) 40; E. F. Streetfield (Monthly) 30; W. W. Rae (Monthly) 25; American Women's Working Party Supplementary 2; The Family 45; Some of the Chinese Staff of Wilkinson & Grist—Mar. 17; Mrs. May Hechtel 100; D. Forbes—March, 25; J. C. C. Mathews 20; R. D. Gillespie (Monthly) 50; B. S. Carter (Monthly) 26; Devonian—Moon Ponds Handicap 750; L. Blair (Monthly) 10; R. Hancock (Monthly) 25; U.S.R.C. Ladies' Working Party—Concert at K.C.C. 443.30; Anonymous 5; Some of Chinese Staff—Bolts Wharf 44.14; Staff of Lane Crawford & Co. 110; George Goncharoff 60; Miss N. M. Wentworth 10; Diocesan Junior School 55; R. H. Wild 640; Total: \$432,550.27.

TYPISTS' TONGUE TWISTERS

Curious pronunciations faced candidates in the Civil Service competitive examination for short-hand-typists and clerk short-hand-typists, the question papers and results of which were published recently.

In the English paper, a list is given of 30 words, spelt semi-phonetically, with a request to the candidates to re-write them in customary spelling. A key to the phonetic symbols accompanies the question.

"Kststikali" is one of the first examples, defined as "rapturously." This, and "krisanthimium," "reptishum" and "sovin" defined as "monarch"—suggest that Civil Service officials tend to ignore the difference between unstressed "e" and "i" sounds. "Gosl"—misheard meat in skin—is "perhaps less open to objection."

232 FAILED

Another unusual pronunciation is exemplified in "immoerial," defined as "old beyond memory," in which the vowel of the third syllable, as shown by the key, should be pronounced as in "foe." In "obsakwiz," meaning "funeral rites," the final syllable is apparently short, as it is also in "hankerechief." Other strange-looking spellings are "kuburd—a cabinet with shelves," "frazioioji—arrangement of words" and "marlabl—of an age to marry."

As a test in literacy, a passage was given for correction and punctuation, part of which was as follows:

The whole shop is splendid and make the little drapers next door look ever so mean quite slummy in fact being as its still got them funny little windows as you dont hardly ever see nowadays and not even brass letters leave alone chromlam to show you whos the owner which is two old maids whove lived in this town all their life.

Candidates successful in both the shorthand and English papers numbered 350; 232 failed.

Mr. Revi Alley, technical expert and general adviser to the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives, who arrived in Kwelin on Mar. 13, on an inspection tour, has left for Hunan to visit the co-operative units there. He will also visit Kiangsi, Chekiang, Anhwei, Fukien and Kwangtung.

The Middle School Educational Conference, which was opened in Chungking under the Ministry of Education last Friday, adopted some 33 important proposals. These included plans for the improvement of middle school education, vocational, normal and physical education in the various provinces. A discussion on mass education was held on Sunday.

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WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m., March 18

Barometer, (at sea level), 30.03 ins.

Temperature, 57 F.

Humidity, 83 per cent.

Wind Direction, E.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 8.

Temperature, maximum yesterday

63 F.

Temperature, minimum last night

56 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs., ending 10 a.m.

0.49 ins.

Total rainfall since January 1st

7.66 ins.

Against an average of 4.28 ins.

Sunset tonight, 6.33 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 6.29 a.m.

4 p.m., March 18.

Barometer (at sea level), 29.93 ins.

Temperature, 58 F.

Humidity, 84 per cent.

Wind Direction, E/N.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 5.

Maximum temperature, 58 F.

Minimum temperature, 56 F.

Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 19 to 25 Mar. 1940.

High Water. Low Water.

Day of Week Date Month Height Height

Tues. 19 06.40 4.0 09.20 2.9

Wed. 20 07.23 4.4 06.55 1.6

Thurs. 21 07.55 4.8 01.38 1.4

Fri. 22 08.30 5.2 02.15 1.3

Sat. 23 09.04 5.6 02.50 1.2

Sun. 24 09.40 6.1 03.28 1.4

Mon. 25 10.15 6.5 04.0 1.6

23.00 6.4 16.24 1.2

The National Relief Commission

is sending another \$100,000 for the

relief of refugees in South Kwang-

si. It is estimated that already

over \$200,000 has been spent on

relief in this area.

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE

SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

MONDAY 18. MAR.							
Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal
Banks							
\$1485		\$1490	H.K. Bank	\$1490	\$1200		
		29 1/2	Do. (Col. Reg.)			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Do. (Lon. Reg.)			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Chartered Bank			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Mercantile Bk. "A"			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Mercantile Bk. "C"			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Bank of East Asia			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	N. C. & S. Bank			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Insurance			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Canton Insurance			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Union Insurance			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Underwriters			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	H.K. Firm			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Shipping			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Douglas			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Steamboats			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Indo-Chinese (Pref.)			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Indo-Chinese (Def.)			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Shells			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Waterboats			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	H.K. & K. Wharves			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Providentia (new)			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	H.K. & K. Docks			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Do. (new)			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Shanghai Docks B.			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	New Engineering B.			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Mining			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Kailans			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Rauba			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Venezuela Gold Fide			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Hong Kong Mines			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Lands, Hotels and Buildings			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	H.K. Hotels			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	H.K. Lands			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Do. 4% Debenture			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Shanghai Lands B.			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	H.K. Bankies			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Humphreys			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Chinese Estates			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Cotton Mills			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Ewo (S.)			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Shai Cottons (S.)			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Zong Sings (S.)			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Wing On Textiles (S.)			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Public Utilities			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Tramways			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Park Trams (old)			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Park Trams (new)			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Star Ferries			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Y-mat Ferries			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Do. (new)			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	China Lights (O)			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	China Lights (New)			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	China Lights (S.)			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	H.K. Electric			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Macao Electric			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Sandakan Lights			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Telephones (old)			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Telephones (new)			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Traction (old)			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Traction (new)			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Industrials			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Cald. Macg. (Ord.) B.			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Cald. Macg. (Pref.) B.			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Canton Iron			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Cement			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Ropes			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Miscellaneous			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Dairy Farm (Old)			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Dairy Farm (New)			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Ch. Estates			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Constructions (old)			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Constructions (new)			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Lane Crawfords			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Nanyang Tobacco			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Sincere			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Watsons			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Ch. G. 5% 1925-28 Bds.			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	H.K. Govt. 4% Loan			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	H.K. Govt. 4 1/2% Loan			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	H.K. Govt. 5% Loan			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	H.K. Wing On			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Shai Wing On			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Wing On			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Maraman Inv. (Ldn.)			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Maraman Inv. (H.K.)			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	Wm. Powell			29 1/2	
		29 1/2	*Sales to Shanghai			29 1/2	

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTERS SERVICE)

London March 15.		Chosen Corporation	6 1/2
The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.		Pekin Syndicate	1 1/2
		Shai Elec. Constr. Co.	15
		Shai Waterworks "A"	15 1/2
		Union Insurance	28
		Gula Kalumpong Rubber	21 1/2
		Allied Ironfounders	14
		Asso. & Elec. Industries	42 1/4
		Austin Motors, ord.	17
		Cable & Wireless, New	61
		Form, ord.	101 1/2
		B-A. Tob. (bearer)	12-5 1/2
		Mexican Eagle	7 1/2
		Cammell Laird, ord.	6 1/4
		Mexican Eagle	36 1/2
		Courtaulds	68 1/2
		Distillers	33 1/4
		Dunlop Rubber	81 1/4
		Gen. Electric (England)	78
		Guinness (A) Son & Co.	13 1/2
		Hawker Siddeley Air.	16
		Bristol Aeroplane	31 1/2
		Imperial Chemical Ind.	121 1/2
		Imperial Tobacco	52
		Marks & Spencer "A" ord.	91 1/4
		Rolls Royce	54 1/2
		Leyland Motors	23 1/2
		Tate & Lyle	68 1/4
		Turner & Newall	23 1/2
		United Steel	15
		Smethwick Drop Forg.	6
		Armstrong Stevens, ord.	17
		Pressed Steel, com.	19 1/4
		Vickers, ord.	65 1/4
		Woolworths	24
		Anglo-Dutch	33 1/2
		Rub. Plant. Invest. Trust	9 1/2
		Burma Corporation	14 1/2
		Commonwealth Mining	39 1/4
		Marsman Investments	15 1/2
		Randfontein Estates	188
		Western Holdings	60
		Sub-Nigel	53 1/2
		Tanahmi Gold Mining	70 1/4
		Anglo-Iranian	78 1/4
		Burmah	78 1/4
		Shell Trans. & Trad.	78 1/4
		(bearer)	78 1/4
		*-Nominal	
		*-ex-dividend	

Finance and Commerce

MINIMUM PRICES FOR STOCKS

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—The Committee of the London Stock Exchange announces that beginning on March 18, minimum prices have been fixed for certain stocks as follows:

TREASURY One Per Cent. redeemable at 99 1/2 minimum price 99 1/2.

CONVERSION 4 1/2 Per Cent. (assented). 98 1/2.

CONVERSION Five Per Cent. 1944/64, 107 1/2.

NATIONAL DEFENCE 2 1/2 per cents. 1944/48, 98.

CONVERSIONS 2 1/2 per cents. 1948/52, 98.

FUNDING 2 1/2 per cents. 1952/57, 94 1/2.

NATIONAL DEFENCE 3 per cents. 1954/58, 98.

WAR LOAN 3 per cents. 1955/59, 98.

FUNDING 2 1/2 per cents. 1956/61, 188 1/2.

FUNDING 3 per cents. 1959/69, 95.

FUNDING 4 per cents. 1960/90, 108 1/2.

VICTORY 4 per cents. 107.

CONSOLS 4 per cents. 1957 or later, 105 1/2.

WAR LOAN 3 1/2 per cents. 1952 or later, 95.

CONVERSION 3 1/2 per cents. 1961 or later, 95.

LOCAL 3 per cents. 1912 or later, 82 1/2.

CONSOLS 2 1/2 per cents. 1923 or later, 70 1/2.

REVISION LATER

The Committee adds that revised minimum prices of other trustee securities will be announced later.

The prices mentioned are below those ruling in the market at the close of business on Friday, but it is understood that one of the factors considered in fixing these prices was the interest accrued to date.

MORE BANKS IN SZECHWAN

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, who is concurrently Chairman of the Szechwan Provincial Government, has ordered the establishment of a network of banks in the province in the current year.

The four government banks, namely, the Central Bank, the Bank of China, the Bank of Communications and the Farmers' Bank are instructed to open branches in different districts.

The Szechwan Provincial Bank is instructed to open branches in all districts before July.

Private banks are encouraged to open branches in various parts of the province.

Co-operative treasuries are to be increased.—(Central).

BEE-KEEPING AS A COTTAGE INDUSTRY

BEE-KEEPING has definitely established itself as a cottage industry in Ceylon in response to the propaganda of the Department of Agriculture.

The demand for honey is growing as production increases, indicating that honey is finding a place in the dietary of people in Ceylon.

Interest in bee-keeping has spread to such diverse quarters that the Department of Agriculture intend holding an exhibition of bees, honey and honey products, in order that by means of demonstrations that will be arranged for, and the exchange of information, bee-keepers may obtain the maximum results from their efforts, whether they keep bees as a source of income or as a hobby.

MODEL HIVE

The Department of Agriculture classifies bee-keepers into four groups. The first of these, of course, is the villager who engages in bee-keeping to supplement his income. This group has taken to it with enthusiasm and made a successful industry of it, thanks to the model hive introduced by the Department of Agriculture and demonstrated at the exhibitions and field days all over the island.

The cost of the hive and the expenditure in establishing a colony of bees is well within the means of the villager. The income from a single hive is not less than Rs. 10 a year. The Marketing Commissioner is a ready buyer of the produce.

The second of bee-keepers are those who are primarily interested in the bee as a pollinator.

The life of the bee as affording an example to human beings is

the raison d'être of the third group of bee-keepers, namely schools. It is learned that under the supervision of a single school in the Gampaha area there are as many as 178 hives. The schools maintain hives themselves and encourage bee-keeping in order that their students may study the wonderful social economy of bees.

The spread of bee-keeping has led to the development of a minor industry, the manufacture of appliances necessary for bee-keepers, such as hives, stands, smokers, extractors and other material. These manufacturers themselves keep bees for purposes of demonstration, forming the fourth of the groups referred to earlier. Among these might be included those who supply bees as an occupation.

Of late, some planters have taken to keeping hives in the gardens of the bungalows on their estates, making a new group to whom bee-keeping is a hobby.

One of the principal factors in the activities of the Department of Agriculture in popularising bee-keeping has been the introduction of what is known as the Newton model hive accompanied by a suitable honey extractor, both from South India. The invention of this hive marked an important stage in the history of bee-keeping in the world.

American Student Delegate Returns To Kweiyang

KWEIYANG, Mar. 15 (Central).—Paul Moritz, representative of the American Christian Students Council, has returned here from an extended trip to west Hunan. During his trip he visited two universities and seven middle schools and delivered 25 public lectures and conferred more than 200 times with student leaders.

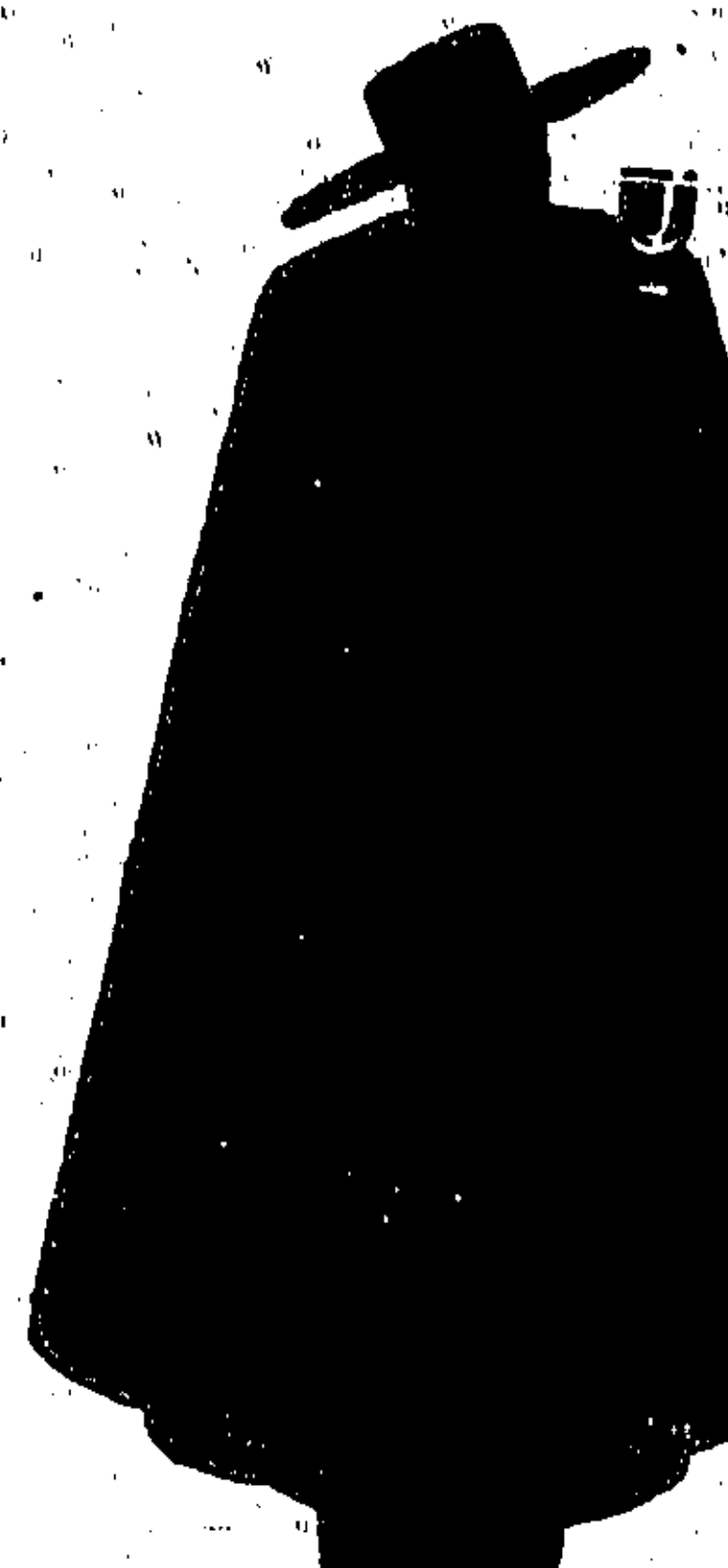
The American student delegate has received many letters from students in Hunan. The one from the Students' Association of the Tangshan Engineering College said in part: "We have the pleasure in extending to you our cordial welcome. We are sure that your sympathy with us in our national crisis is unbounded and it has come to our knowledge that American students are siding with the cause of Chinese students."

TIES STRENGTHENED

"Your mission will undoubtedly further strengthen the tie between China and the United States. You will do tremendous good if

you will depict to American students a true picture of the spirit and need of Chinese students."

Students of the Hunan University, in a letter to Moritz, said that America has been looked upon as "a pillar of peace" by the whole world. "As the forces which drove China to war are intrinsically the same as those that underlay the American war of independence we Chinese students hope and trust that American students will be willing to give China substantial aid by urging their government to demonstrate positively in their present and future policies their disapproval of the Japanese action in China."



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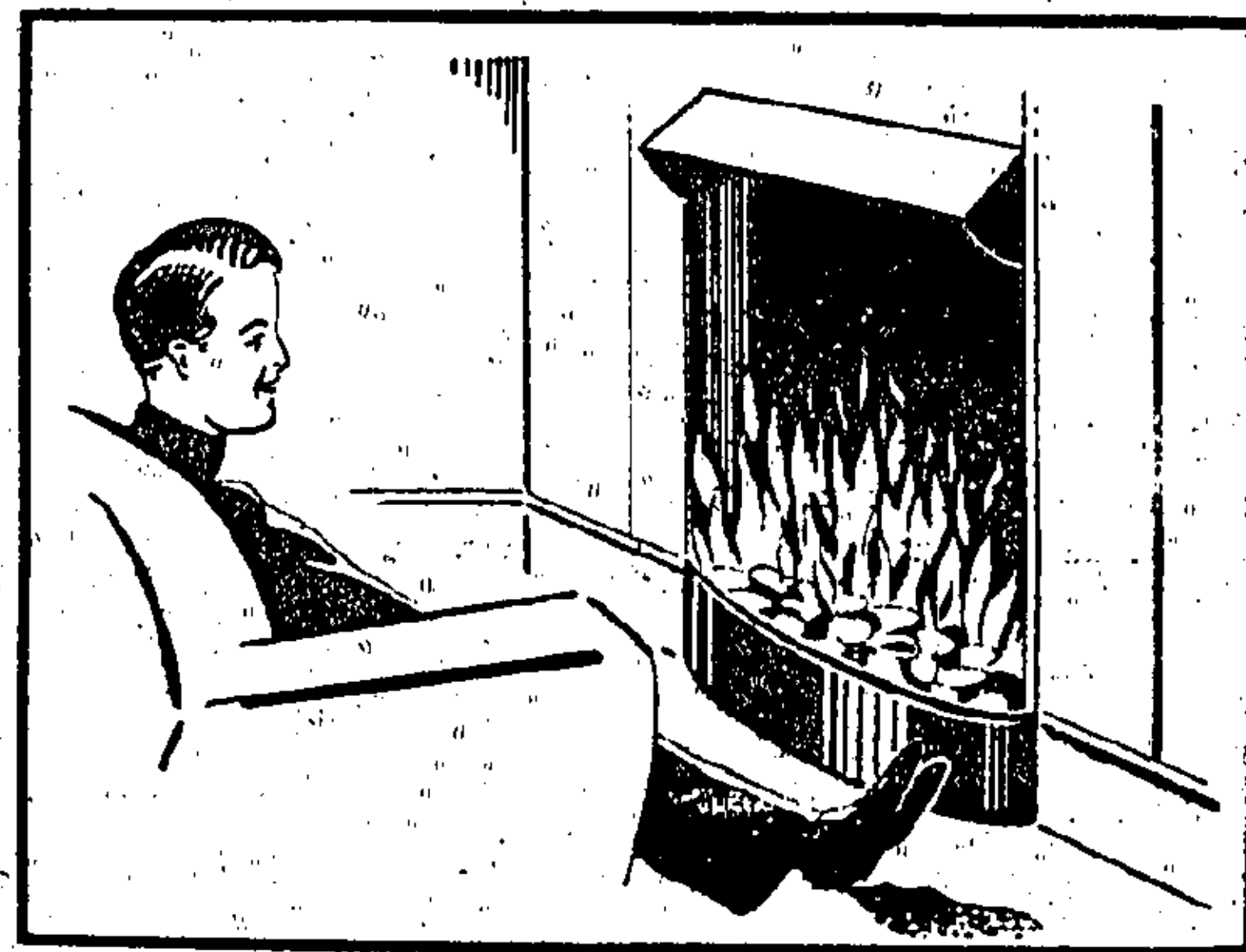
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H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

The pace set last week has slackened off today, but from the trade reported it would seem buyers are nibbling at efforts to lower prices. Sellers however are indifferent to these blandishments.

BUYERS

H.K. Bank, \$1485."	
Union Ins., \$5024.	
Fires Ins., \$185.	
Wharves, \$108.	
Docks, \$23.10.	
Providents, \$5.20.	
Hotels, \$54.	
Lands, \$37.90.	
Star Ferries, \$97 1/2.	
China Lights (O), \$8 1/2.	
China Lights (N), \$5.35.	
H.K. Electric, \$68 1/2.	
Telephones (O), \$30.10.	
Cements, \$19.60.	
Ropes, \$5.90.	
Dairy Farms (O), \$23.	
Dairy Farms (N), \$22 1/2.	
Watsons, \$10.65.	

FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS
MARCH 18, 1940

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 25/32	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 25/32	
Credits 4 months sight 1 33/32	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand 350	
On Singapore:—	
On demand 52 3/8	
On Japan:—	
On demand 98 1/2	
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 25/32	
On demand 1/2 25/32	
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 22 3/4	
Credits, 60 days sight 23 5/8	
On Batavia:—	
On demand 42 1/4	
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 108 1/2	
Credits 4 months sight 113 1/2	
On Saigon:—	
On demand 108	
On Manila:—	
On demand 45 1/2	
On Bangkok:—	
On demand 150 1/2	
On Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate 1/33 1/32	
Bar Silver per oz. 30 15/16	

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Silver prices were unchanged over the week-end, the quotations remaining at 20.15/16 for both Ready and Forward Silver. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 373 1/2.

Market

Steady. U. S. Dollars were firmer.

Sterling

The market opened with sellers at 1/27 1/2 March/June, buyers at 1/27 3/4 Cash. Later business was arranged at 1/27 1/2 March. The market closed at lunch time with sellers at 1/27 1/2 March/June, buyers at 1/27 3/4 Cash.

U. S. Dollars

Open with sellers at 23 1/8 and buyers at 23 1/8 for Cash. Later 23 1/8 was done for Cash. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 23 1/8 Cash and 23 1/8 March, buyers at 23 1/4 Cash and 23 1/8 March half April.

Shanghai Dollars

358 1/2

Shanghai Market

Sterling 4 1/8 sellers for Spot U. S. Dollars, early advice indicated sellers at 6 1/3 3/4. Later the market appeared a shade steadier with sellers offering 6 7/16 for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET

The market was featureless in the afternoon.

Sterling

There were sellers at 1/27 1/2 March/June, buyers at 1/27 3/4 Cash.

U. S. Dollars

There were sellers at 23 1/8 March and 23 1/8 April, buyers at 23 1/4 Cash and 23 1/8 March.

Shanghai Dollars

Sellers at 357 1/2.

Shanghai Market

4 1/8 sellers for Spot. U. S. Dollars, 6 1/3 3/4 sellers for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Mar. 18 (Reuter). Official T.T. Rates

London	0/4
New York	6-3/16
Japan	26-1/4
India	22-1/8
Paris	2 3/4
Hongkong	26-3/4

Sellers	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/4-1/8	0/4-1/8
Mar.	9/4-3/32	0/4-1/8
Apr.	0/4-3/64	0/4-1/16

U.S. Dollars	Spot	23-13/32	23-15/32
	Mar.	6-3/8	6-7/16
	Apr.	6-1/4	6-11/32

Market: Quiet.

Merchant Rates

Sterling, 0/4-1/8.

U.S. Dollars, 26-3/4.

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/32.

The Equalisation rate was 10 1/2 per cent.

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COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW
(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

NEW YORK MARCH 16, 1940.				
Previous	March 16	Closing	Opening	Change
Buyers	Buyers	Buyers	Buyers	
37-1/4	37 cts.	37-1/4	unch.	
36-1/8	35-3/4	36-1/4	up 1/8	
34-1/2	34-1/4	35	up 1/2	

SINGAPORE RUBBER				
Previous close	Today's close	Buyers	Buyers	Change
11-1/8	11-1/8	11-1/8	11-1/8	
11-1/8	11-1/8	11-1/8	11-1/8	
11-1/8	11-1/8	11-1/8	11-1/8	
11-1/8	11-1/8	11-1/8	11-1/8	

The market was steady but quiet.

NEW YORK COTTON: The market is without any definite trend and is fluctuating in sympathy with news of varying import.

NEW YORK RUBBER: The downturn was accelerated by stop-loss orders dealers continued selling together with Commission House liquidation. The irregularity of stocks, failure on the part of tanners to show more interest in actuals and fear that packers will lower their selling prices were the main influences. Market appears oversold.

CHICAGO WHEAT: The market was firm and fairly active after being easier on early local selling. The Trade was aided by the firmness of the mill markets and buying by large Eastern interests. The official weather forecast over this week-end shows no indications of moisture in the South-West.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 146.53; Today's close, 145.76; Change, off .77.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
New York Cotton, May	10.58	10.51	10.54	10.52	.12 off
New York Rubber, May	18.11	18.00	18.11b	18.08b	.03 off
Chicago Wheat, May	102	100 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/4	1/4 up
Chicago Corn, May	58	55 1/2	58	55 1/2	1/4 off
New York Hides, June	13.75	13.51	13.83	13.60	.23 off
NEW YORK COTTON					
May	10.64/64	10.56/56	10.52/52	10.52	.12 off
July	10.39/39	10.33/34	10.29/29	10.29	.10 off
July (New contract)	10.53 N	10.44b/48a	10.43 N	10.43	.10 off
October	9.83/83	9.76/74	9.70/70	9.70	.13 off
December	9.58/58	9.58/59	9.58/58	9.58	.12 off
January	9.53 N	9.54/54	9.51 N	9.51	.12 off
Spot	10.90 N		10.77 N	10.77	.13 off

Total sales Friday: 49,800 bales.

Last trading day for March cotton: 15/3/40.

NEW YORK RUBBER				
March	18.20b/26a		18.20b/25a	unch.
May	18.11b/7a	18.15b/20a	18.08b/10a	.03 off
July	18.00/00	18.02/02	17.98/98	.02 off
September	17.90/90	17.92b/99a	17.90/90	unch.
December	17.74/74		17.75/75	.01 up

Total sales: 320 tons.

Last trading day: 27/3/40.

CHICAGO WHEAT				
May	101 1/4/101 1/4	101 1/4/101 1/4	101 1/4/102	1/4 up
July	99 1/4/99 1/4	98 3/4/98 3/4	99 1/4/99 1/4	1/4 up
September	98 1/4/98 1/4		99 1/4/99 1/4	1/4 up

Friday's sales: 22,770,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN				
May	56/56	55 1/2/55 1/2	56 1/2/56 1/2	1/4 off
July	56 1/2/56 1/2		56 1/2/56 1/2	1/4 up
September	57 1/2/57 1/2		57 1/2/57 1/2	1/4 off

WINNIPEG WHEAT

May	88 b	88/88	88 1/2/88 1/2	1/4 up
July	89 b		89 1/2/89 1/2	1/4 up
October	90 1/4/90 1/4		90 1/2/90 1/2	1/4 up

NEW YORK HIDES

June	13.83/84	13.75/71	13.60/81	.23 off
September	14.00/00	13.99/95	13.85/87	.21 off
New York, Official	34-3/4		unquoted	
NY-London Cross Rate	3.71-1/8		3.73-1/2	

MEXICAN PETROL
IN EXCHANGE FOR
JAPANESE SILK

MEXICO CITY, Mar. 18 (Reuter).—An official delegation comprising ten leading bankers and industrialists have left for Japan, where they will seek to increase Mexico-Japanese trade.

Following a luncheon at the Japanese Legation, it was announced that the main purpose of the journey was to sell petroleum for cash or to barter it for silk and artificial silk.

The greatest importance is attached to this Mission here.

CIVIL ESTIMATES
FOR 1940

LONDON, Mar. 18 (BWS).—The Civil Estimates for foreign and Imperial service issued on Saturday show the net total at £14,185,469 for 1940, compared with £18,128,273 in 1939.

The original net estimate for 1939 was £15,387,203, but, three supplementary estimates raised the total to £18,128,273.

Principal decreases are of £23,743,239 for India and Burma Services and £355,242 for the Diplomatic and Consular Services.

Principal increases are £229,452 for Colonial and Middle Eastern Services and £185,311 for the Foreign Office.

JAPANESE PLANS
TO PRODUCE COTTON
IN CHINA

SHANGHAI, Mar. 17 (Inf).—Japanese plans to produce cotton in Hopei, Shantung and Shansi last far short of expectation, as last year only 1,300,000 piculs were available as against an expectation of 4,800,000 piculs.

Activities of the guerillas are responsible for the poor crop, while the people are secretly sending away the cotton from occupied area to free China.

Japan plans to raise cotton in North China in order not to depend on imports from the United States, India and Egypt.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
QUOTATION
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

STOCKS		Last Sale	STOCKS		Last Sale
		Mar. 16			Mar. 16
Adams Express	74		Lakey Foundry & Mac	49	
Allegheny Steel Co.	21		Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	28 1/2	
Allied Stores	73		Lockheed Aircraft	28 1/2	
Allis Chalmers	36		Loew's Inc.	36	
Aluminum Ltd.	98 1/2		Loft Incorporated	27 1/2	
Amer. Can.	114		Mack Truck Inc.	24	
American Cyanamid B.	37 1/2		Martin, Glen L.	39 1/2	
Amer. & Foreign Power	18		McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	24 1/2	
Amer. Locomotive	19		Monsanto Chemical	52 1/2	
Amer. Radiator	23 1/2		Montgomery Ward	11 1/2	
Amer. Rolling Mill	14		Nat. Dairy Products	16 1/2	
Amer. Sugar Refining	19 1/2		Nat. Distillers	24 1/2	
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	172		National Gypsum	10 1/2	
Amer. Tobacco "B"	87 1/2		National Lead	20 1/2	
Amer. Waterworks	8 1/2		Nat. Power & Light	7 1/2	
Anaconda Copper	27 1/2		National Steel Corp.	85 1/2	
Atchafalaya, T. & S. Fe.	21 1/2		National Supply Corp.	8 1/2	
Auburn Motors	1 1/2		New York Central	15	
Baltimore & Ohio	4 1/2		Niagara Hudson Power	5	
Barber Asphalt Co.	14		N. American Aviation	21 1/2	
Barnes Oil	11		North American Co.	20 1/2	
Bendix Aviation	31 1/2		Northern Pacific	7 1/2	
Bethlehem Steel	72 1/2		Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	60 1/2	
Bliss & Co.	12 1/2		Pacific Gas & Elec.	33 1/2	
Boeing Airplane Co.	20 1/2		Pacific Lighting	47	
Borg-Warner	22		Parkway Motors	3 1/2	
Bridgeport Brass Corp.	10 1/2		Pan-American Airways	17 1/2	
Briggs Mfg.	21 1/2		Paramount Pictures	7 1/2	
Brooklyn-Mhattan Trans.	22 1/2		Pennsylvania R.R.	21 1/2	
Brooklyn-Manhattan S.	85 1/2		Phelps-Dodge	35 1/2	
Canadian Pacific Rwy.	5 1/2		Phillips Petroleum	38 1/2	
Case, J.I.	67 1/2		Pittsburg Coke & Iron	7 1/2	
Celanese	29		Public Service of N.J.	41 1/2	
Chesapeake & Ohio	39		Pullman Inc.	9	
Chrysler Corp.	84 1/2		Pure Oil	6	
Climax-Molybdenum Co.	38 1/2		Radio Corp. of Am.	15 1/2	
Colts Patent Fire-Arms	72 1/2		Reading Company, Com	25 1/2	
Columbia Gas & Elec.	54		Reading Company, 1st pfd	32 1/2	
Columbia 6% "A" pf.	87 1/2		Remington Arms Co., Inc.	19	
Commercial Credit Co.	45 1/2		Republic Aviation Corp.	5 1/2	
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	14		Republic Steel	18	
Consolidated Edison	30 1/2		Revere Cop. & Brass Inc.	12 1/2	
Consolidated Oil	7 1/2		Reynold Tobac. "B"	41 1/2	
Continental Can.	45 1/2		Richtfield Oil	6 1/2	
Continental Oil	22 1/2		Safeway Stores	50	
Copperweld Steel	15 1/2		Schenley Distillers	12 1/2	
Corn Products	60 1/2		Sears Roebuck	93 1/2	
Curtiss Wright (C.)	9 1/2		Shell Union Oil	10 1/2	
Curtiss Wright "A"	30 1/2		Socony-Vacuum Oil	11 1/2	
Deere & Co.	21		Southern Pacific	12	
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	18 1/2		Southern Ry \$5 pfd.	26 1/2	
Douglas Aircraft	77 1/2		Sperry	41	
Du Pont de Nemours	185		Splinter Manufacturing Co.	33	
Eagle Picher Lead	10 1/2		Standard Brands	6 1/2	
Eaton Mfg. Co.	32		Stand Gas & Elec.	14 1/2	
Elec. Autolite	37 1/2		Standard Oil of California	23	
Elec. Bond & Share	5 1/2		Standard Oil of N.J.	43 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf.	57 1/2		Stone & Webster	9 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share \$8 pf.	87 1/2		Studebaker Com.	10 1/2	
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pf.	27 1/2		Swift International	28 1/2	
Flintkote	19 1/2		Technicolor	14 1/2	
Gen. American Trans.	50 1/2		Texas Corp.	44 1/2	
Gen. Electric	37 1/2		Texas Gulf Sulphur	33 1/2	
Gen. Motors	52 1/2		Timken-Axle	21 1/2	
Gen. Railway Signal	15 1/2		Trans-America Co.	6 1/2	
Gen. Tire & Rubber	19		20th Cent. Fox	11 1/2	
Glidden Co.	17		20th Cent. Fox \$1 1/2 pf.	22 1/2	
Goodrich (B.F.)	18 1/2		Union Carbide & Carbon	93 1/2	
Goodrich \$5 pf.	68 1/2		United Pacific	44 1/2	
Goodyear Tire & Co.	22 1/2		United Aircraft	17 1/2	
Great Northern Iron Ore	13		United Airlines Trans.	2	
Great Northern Ry. pfd.	22 1/2		United Corp.	38 1/2	
Great Western Sugar	27 1/2		United Gas Corp.	17	
Greyhound Corp.	16 1/2		United Gas Improvements	13	
Hercules Powder Co.	94 1/2		U.S. Industrial Alcohol	21 1/2	
Homestake Mining	55 1/2		U.S. Rubber	34 1/2	
International Harvester	53 1/2		U.S. Rubber \$8 pfd.	112 1/2	
Int. Nickel	35 1/2		U.S. Steel	54 1/2	
Int. Tel. & Tel.	44 1/2		Vanadium	31 1/2	
Johns-Manville	70 1/2		Walworth Co.	5 1/2	
J. & Laughlin Steel \$7 pfd.	55 1/2		Warner Bros. Pict.	34 1/2	
Kennecott Copper	34 1/2		Westinghouse Elec.	111 1/2	
			Woodward Iron Cor.	24 1/2	
			Chase National Bank	33 1/2	
			National City Bank	28 1/2	

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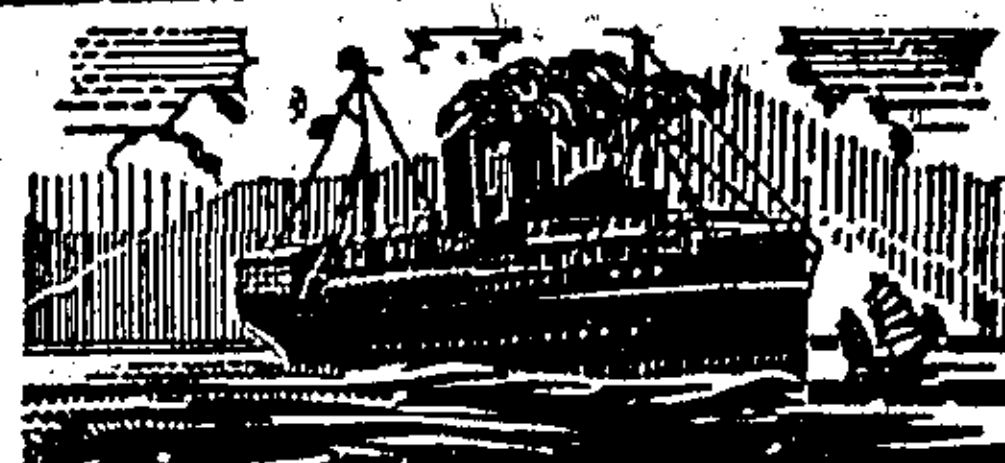
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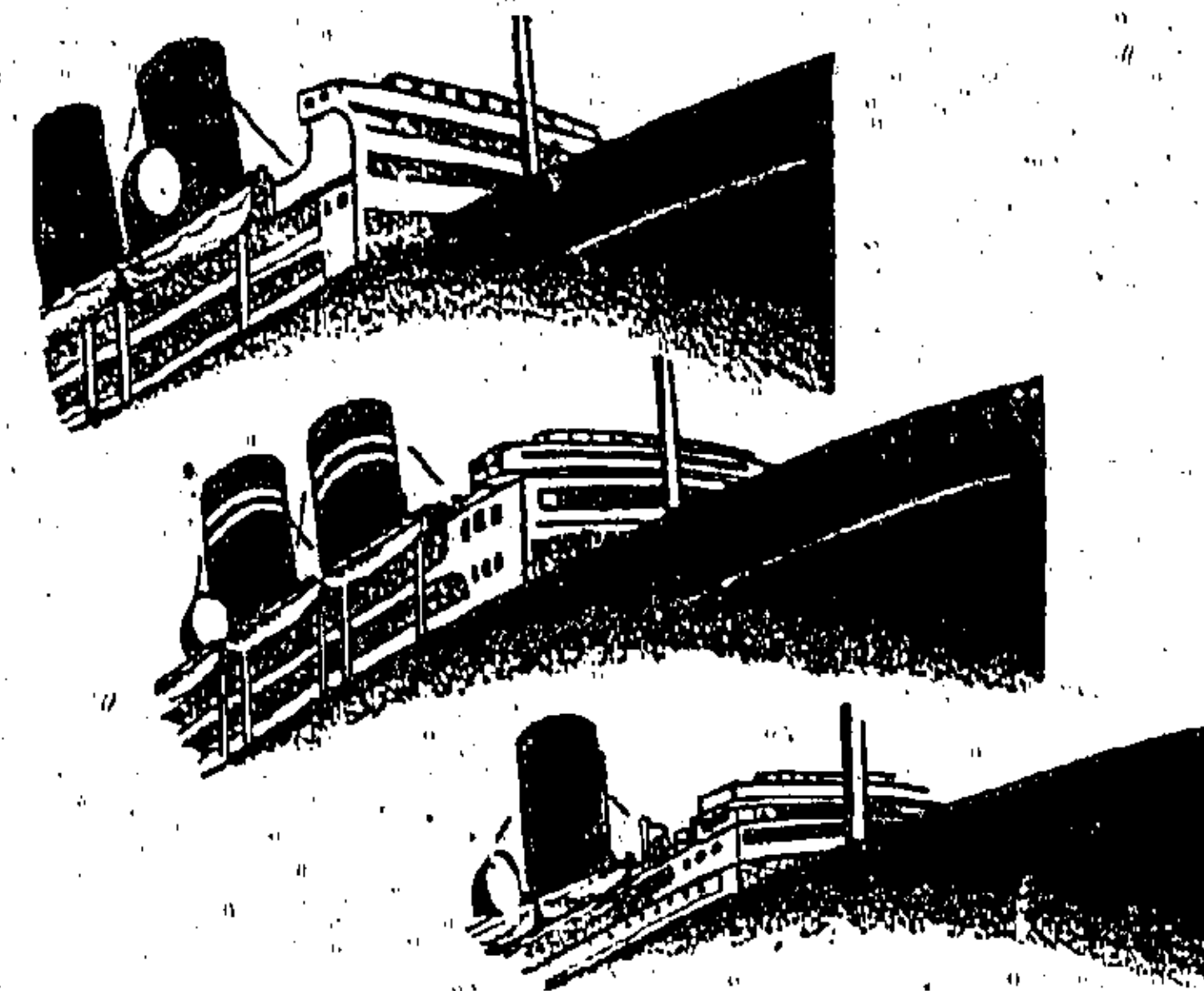
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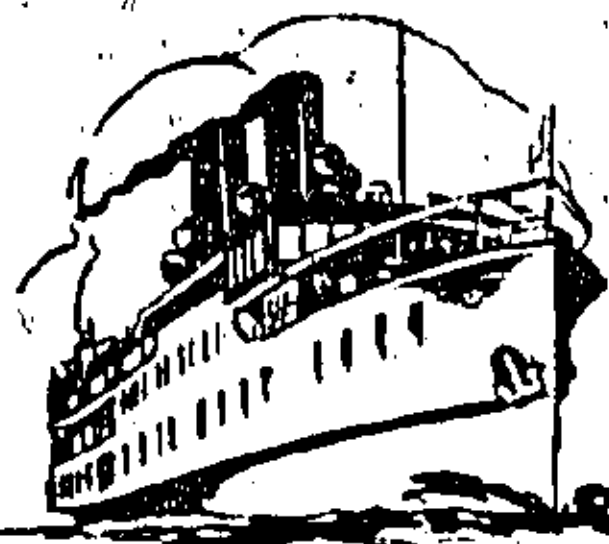
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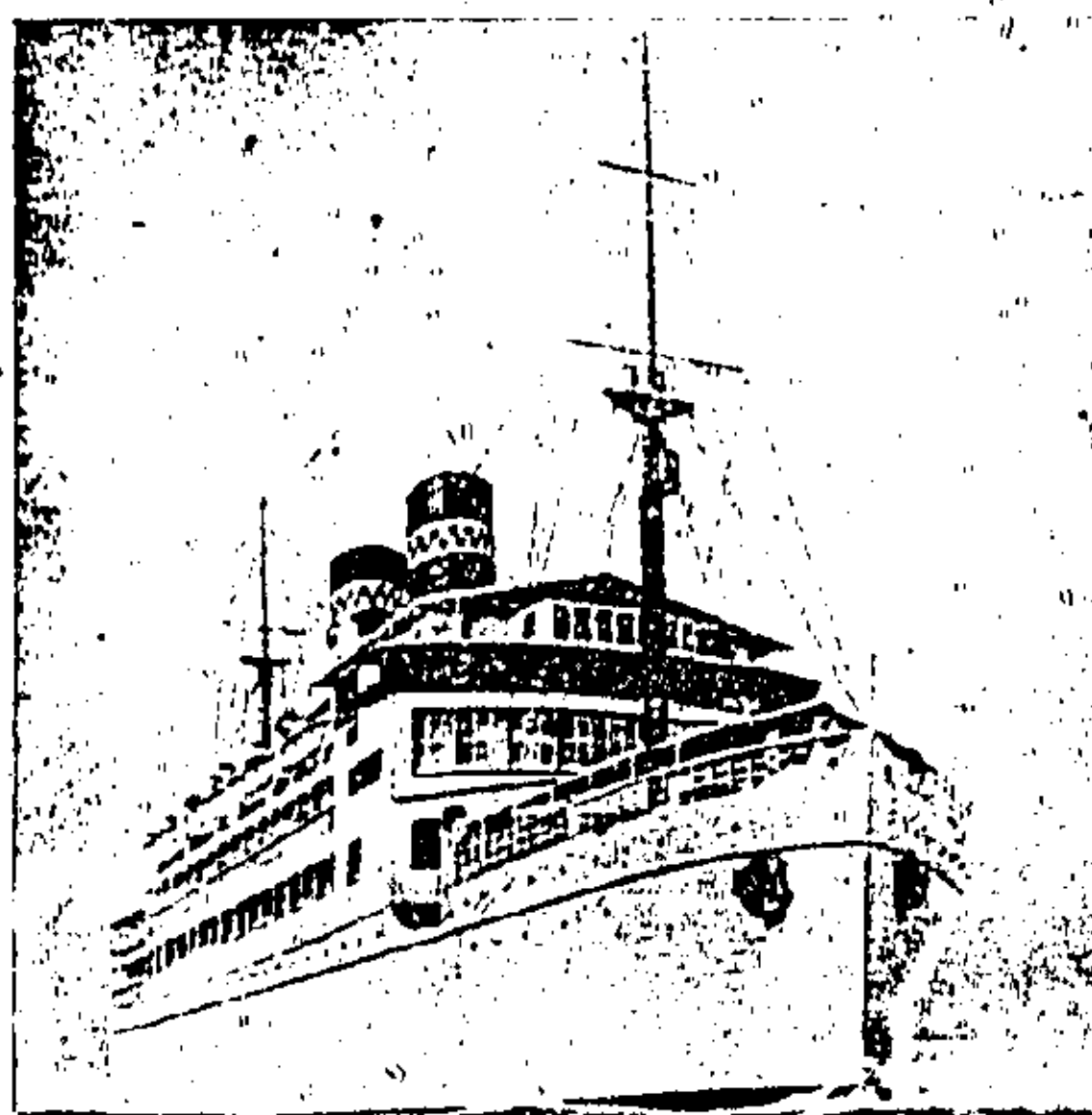


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STOCKHOLM, Mar. 18 (Reuter)—Sweden is helping Finland to evacuate the surrendered areas by sending hundreds of buses and lorries to transport the evacuees. In answer to a radio appeal, private citizens and transport companies have presented their cars, lorries and buses for registration by the Swedish Automobile Association.

**ALLIED AID
FOR TURKEY**

**QUESTION ASKED
IN COMMONS**

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter)—In the House of Commons today a question was asked if a comprehensive plan existed between Great Britain and France to render immediate military aid to Turkey if her integrity is threatened, or if it became expedient for her to go to the aid of a neighbouring state.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, replied that Britain and France are bound by a Mutual Assistance Treaty to give Turkey all the aid and assistance in their power in the event of her being involved in hostilities by a European Power and consequential aggression by that Power against Turkey.

The form of such assistance has been, and is, the subject of consultation between the three Governments.

The consultation, naturally, had taken into account the contingency referred to in the second part of the question.

**RUMANIA
ON WATCH**

**IMPORTANT SPEECH
BY PREMIER**

BUCHAREST, Mar. 18 (Reuter)—“We want peace, but a peace that respects our rights. Therefore, we are on the watch,” declared the Rumanian Premier, M. Tatarescu, in an important speech which was broadcast last night.

“Our main concern this year must be the strengthening of the Army and our defences generally. An extraordinary credit of thirty-million lei has been allotted to the Army in the budget.”

DIFFICULTIES OVER

M. Tatarescu declared that the output from mines and oilfields must be increased to the maximum.

He thought that a great part of the difficulties facing the country had come to an end owing to the Government's efforts to consolidate Rumania's position internationally and to make her strong internally.

Alluding to the re-instatement of the Iron Guards, the Premier said that the policy of internal pacification was beginning to bear fruit in restoring peace among all sons of the nation.

**NAZIS PLAYING SIT-DOWN
GAME—BUT ALLIES WILL
WIN IN THE
END**

**NEW RECORD BY
FENSKE**

Special To H. K. Daily Press
NEW YORK, Mar. 18 (Havas)—Charles Fenske, of Wisconsin, the noted American runner, today broke the world's indoor record for the three-quarter mile run by covering the distance in 2 mins. 59.7 secs.

It will be of interest to recall that Fenske won the special mile invitation race at Princeton, New Jersey, on June 17, 1939, in 4 minutes 11 seconds. Glenn Cunningham was second, Archie San Roman third, Blaine “Rideout” fourth and Sidney Wooderson last. Fenske was conceded only an outside chance to win the race.

The next meeting of the Hongkong Y's Men's Club will be held at the residence of Mr. Ho Shiu-que, 14 Koon Ma Terrace, Happy Valley, at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, when Mr. George A. Fitch, Associated General Secretary of the War Service for Soldiers, will be the speaker.

**71 ENTOMBED
MINERS**

ST. CLAIRS VILLE, OHIO, Mar. 18 (Reuter)—It is announced that hope of rescuing the 71 entombed miners has been virtually abandoned.

Only large vehicles are being sent at the moment. Some are being transferred by special ships from Stockholm, while others are going north to cross the ice at Vasa, Finnish port, half way up the Gulf of Bothnia.

SERVICES SUSPENDED

A number of bus services in Sweden have been suspended and the vehicles thus released are being sent to Finland. They will immediately begin the evacuation of the Hangoe Frontier Zones.

The Red Army will take up residence of the areas surrendered next Friday.

**CHILDREN & MOTHERS
IN SWEDEN**

About 6,000 Finnish children and their mothers have arrived in Sweden by train from Northern Finland. They will remain in Sweden until evacuation of the surrendered areas has been completed.

BRITISH VOLUNTEERS

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter)—M. Gripenberg, Finnish Minister in London, left for Helsinki on Saturday. It is not known how long he will stay away.

The Finnish Aid Bureau in London is asking the Finnish Government for advice as to the future of the British volunteers. The Director of the Bureau said on Saturday that about 1,000 had taken the oath to fight for Finland and that 300 have already reached the Finnish frontier.

**FIGHTING STARTS AGAIN
ON KWANGSI FRONT: FRESH
ATTACKS BY JAPANESE**

KWEILIN, Mar. 18 (Central)—Fighting on the Kwangsi Front, which had dwindled to localised engagements, flared up anew during the week-end when the Japanese concentrated several fierce attacks on the east sector of the Yanchow-Nanning line.

Japanese forces thrown into the fresh operations in the vicinity of Wingshun, east of Nanning, on the upper reaches of the Wat-kang, and Siutung, near the Kwangtung border, totalled some 6,000.

Encounters raged throughout the week-end near Fellungshu and Sungbu, where, after stiff resistance, the defenders beat the Japanese back to Shapinghu, north of Sungbu.

SIUTUNG SECTOR

On the Siutung Sector, the Japanese forces have increased to over 3,000 men at Pingchit and advanced to Lukwo on Saturday. They are being held back by the Chinese.

A third force of 2,000 Japanese infantry and cavalry opened an offensive eastward on Lingshan, 60 miles northeast of Yanchow in west Kwangtung near the Kwangsi border. Their advance was checked at Sungchinghu, north of Lukwo.

**Seizure Of
Mails From
N.Y.K. Liner**

TOKYO, Mar. 18 (Reuter)—Questioned regarding the reported seizure of mails from the N.Y.K. liner Fushimi Maru by the British authorities at Singapore on March 16, a Foreign Office spokesman, at the press conference today, said that the attitude of the Japanese Government toward the case was the same as that toward the affair involving the Bangkok Maru (at Haiphong on Mar. 5), namely, “a belligerent Government is entitled to seize mails which fall under the category of military mails.”

Information reaching the head office of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha from Singapore states the Fushimi Maru, which sailed from Yokohama on Feb. 26 for Europe, entered Singapore at 11 p.m. on March 16.

64 BAGS

Sixty-four bags of mails, destined for Naples, were seized by the British authorities who boarded the ship.

After consultations with the Japanese Consul-General, the captain of the vessel agreed to hand over the 64 bags to the British authorities on condition that they be returned before the Fushimi Maru cleared port.

Fifty-two out of the 64 bags, if added were released but 12 postal parcels, addressed to Germany, via Naples, had not been returned before the liner left Singapore.

**CHINA FIGHTING
FOR SAME IDEALS
OF POLITICAL
LIBERTY**

China is fighting for the same ideals of political liberty as had inspired the British to take up arms in the European conflict, said Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Ambassador, in a speech in London during the week-end.

It was, therefore, of supreme importance to Britain not to lose sight of the bearing of China's struggle in the present attempt on the part of the democracies to re-establish law and order in the new world.

He asked if anything could be of greater promise to British and world welfare than a strong Chinese democracy as an exemplar to a strong Indian democracy—(BWS).

**CABLE NEWS
IN BRIEF**

MOSCOW, Mar. 18 (Reuter)—Work has now been commenced on a large scale on the construction of a new defensive system along the Russo-German border, to be called the Voroshilov Line.

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter)—An Air Ministry Casualty communiqué issued yesterday contains fifty-nine names, including Sister A. S. Ketley, among eight who have died on active service.

LONDON, Mar. 18 (BWS)—The passage in President Roosevelt's speech on Saturday which has attracted special attention here is that in which he defined the elements of lasting peace.

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 18 (Reuter)—The Moscow correspondent of the Aftonbladet says that persistent rumours in Moscow indicate that the Soviet Union hopes to obtain the long-sought outlet in the North Atlantic by demanding a free port on Sweden's coast.

The Chinese Chemical Society has decided to hold its annual meeting this year at Mount-Omel, in west Szechwan, from August 16 to 20. A preparatory committee has been elected with Mr. Chang Hung-yuan as chairman.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, 19th MARCH, 1940, 9.30 A.M.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

From	Due
Straits	19th Mar.
Shanghai	19th Mar.
Shanghai and Amoy	19th Mar.
Japan	19th Mar.
Canton	19th Mar.
Air Mail by “Air France Direct Service” — Paris date, 13th March	20th Mar.
Shanghai	20th Mar.
Shanghai and Amoy	20th Mar.
Formosa, Amoy and Swatow	20th Mar.
Manila	20th Mar.
Bangkok and Saigon	20th Mar.
Straits	20th Mar.
Air Mail by “Imperial Airways Direct Service” — London date, 13th March	21st Mar.
Amoy	21st Mar.
Saigon	21st Mar.
Japan and Shanghai	21st Mar.
Australia and Manila	21st Mar.
Canton	21st Mar.
Haiphong, Holhow & Port Bayard	22nd Mar.
Canton	22nd Mar.
Haiphong	22nd Mar.
U. S. A., Honolulu, and Japan (San Francisco date, 14th February)	22nd Mar.
Sandakan	22nd Mar.
Air Mail by “Pan American Airways Direct Service” — San Francisco date, 12th March	23rd Mar.
Shanghai	23rd Mar.
Japan and Shanghai	23rd Mar.
Rabaul and Manila	23rd Mar.
Air Mail by “Imperial Airways Direct Service” — London date, 16th March	24th Mar.
Canton	24th Mar.
Straits and Palembang	24th Mar.
Shanghai and Amoy	24th Mar.
Haiphong and Holhow	25th Mar.
Japan and Shanghai	25th Mar.
Manila	25th Mar.
Japan	25th Mar.
Shanghai	25th Mar.
Java and Manila	27th Mar.
Shanghai	27th Mar.
Japan and Shanghai	27th Mar.
Shanghai	27th Mar.
U. S. A. & Manila (San Francisco date, 28th Feb.)	27th Mar.
Japan	28th Mar.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 5th March)	28th Mar.
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 20th February)	28th Mar.
Japan and Shanghai	28th Mar.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon	29th Mar.
Japan and Shanghai	29th Mar.
Japan, Shanghai and Formosa	29th Mar.
Japan	29th Mar.
Shanghai	30th Mar.
Saigon	31st Mar.
Japan and Shanghai	31st Mar.
Manila	2nd Apr.
Australia and Manila	2nd Apr.
Japan	6th Apr.

OUTWARD MAILS

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below, unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

For	Date and Time
TUESDAY	Tue. 19th
Tourane, Saigon and Bangkok	10.30 AM
Fort Bayard, and Holhow	12.30 PM
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa	2.30 PM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
Air Mail for “Imperial Airways Direct Service” due London 27th March	G.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by “Imperial Airways Direct Service” due Sydney 25th March	G.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
Shanghai	7.00 PM
WEDNESDAY	Wed. 20th
Batavia and Sourabaya	8.30 AM
Canton	10.30 AM
	Parcels 11.00 AM
	Ord. Noon
	2.00 PM
	K.P.O.
	Parcels 3.00 PM
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt, Malta and Europe Via Marseilles due Marseilles 20th April and London Parcels due London, 28th April	G.P.O.
	Parcels 3.00 PM
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
Airmail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the “Air France Airways Direct Service” due Paris 28th March	G.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
Shanghai	7.00 PM
THURSDAY	Thu. 21st
Canton	7.15 AM
Amoy	2.30 PM
Swatow and Shanghai	2.30 PM
Japan	7.00 PM
Amoy	7.00 PM
FRIDAY	Fri. 22nd
Shanghai	10.00 AM
SATURDAY	Sat. 23rd
Canton	7.15 AM
Straits	8.30 AM

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